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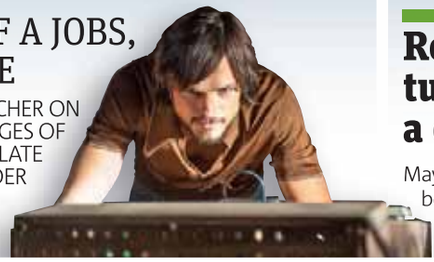

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Law hampers ability to oversee police: PSB chair

Discipline. Board seeks major changes including making it easier to fire officers

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The chair of the board that oversees the Toronto police says sometimes he's had to ask himself: How in God's name is this person still working for the force?

In the wake of the fatal police shooting of Sammy Yatim, chair of the Police Services Board (PSB) Alok Mukherjee is calling for major changes to how officers in Ontario are disciplined, including making it easier to fire cops.

Reading a statement about Yatim's death at Police Services Board on Tuesday, Mukherjee said provincial law — the Police Services Act — hampers the board's ability to oversee the police.

One of the problems, Mukherjee told reporters later, is that when a citizen is seriously injured, sexually assaulted or killed in an interaction with the police, the SIU investigates and determines whether or not criminal charges should be laid. During that process, the board and the police service can do little but wait for the result.

For example, Mukherjee would like the board to be allowed to "delve into the broader issues" that an incident like the Yatim shooting raises, but can't.

"The fact that there's an SIU investigation should not shut everything down, because that's what it does," he said.

Mukherjee would also like to see the police chief, in concert with the board, be given the ability to suspend officers without pay and discipline officers sooner after an incident.

An SIU investigation can take months, and Mukherjee said either it should move faster or the disciplinary process should occur at the same time as the SIU investigates.

Firing a police officer is "not impossible, but extremely hard" and in some cases it would be in the public's interest to change that, said Mukherjee.

"Right now it is very, very hard to terminate a police officer," said Mukherjee. "There are very well-defined circumstances where that may happen. And there are occasions where you say, 'How in God's name is this person still working here?'"

How many times has he asked himself how a cop is still on the force? "I haven't counted," he said.

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack said Mukherjee's timing in making those comments, wasn't "helpful" considering the Yatim situation, because "it seems to imply that something's gone on here."

"There are certain protections police officers have because of the difficulty of doing our jobs," he said. "There is due process."

Police Chief Bill Blair wouldn't address Mukherjee's comments, but said he believes the law should be changed so that officers can be suspended without pay.

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CRASH KILLS BUS RIDER

Police close the intersection of Middlefield Road and Steeles Avenue in Scarborough to investigate a crash fatality, after a cube truck ploughed into an eastbound TTC bus on Tuesday. A female passenger was killed, and 13 people were transported to hospital. Story, page 3. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

De-escalation training issues

PSB to appear at coroner's inquest on its own

For the first time ever, the Police Services Board is planning to appear at a coroner's inquest separately from the Toronto Police Service, in order to "probe deeper and be able to make up its own mind," said chair Alok Mukherjee.

In October, the Ontario Office of the Chief Coroner is holding an inquest into the deaths of Reyal Jardine-Douglas, Sylvia Klibingaitis and Michael Eligon — all of whom, like Sammy Yatim, were shot by police while carrying edged weapons.

Alok Mukherjee

"This is a very important inquest. There are issues around de-escalation training," said Mukherjee.

The board had already been considering appearing separately at this inquest, then the "exceptional circumstances" of the Yatim shooting cast a shadow on the inquest, because of the similarities of the cases, said Mukherjee.

That decision "is an indication of the board's determination to ask its own questions and pursue lines of inquiry it wants to pursue," he said.

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Woman killed after van collides with TTC bus

Scarborough. 12 people were sent to hospitals, including both drivers

A woman in her 50s was killed and a man was fighting for his life after a devastating collision between a TTC bus and a cube van in north Scarborough Tuesday morning.

A dozen people, including both drivers, were sent to four Toronto hospitals. A man and a woman each suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Paramedics treated other minor injuries at the scene, said Emergency Medical Services Acting Supt. Brayden Hamilton-Smith.

The truck is alleged to have veered across the road while making a left turn as the 53 Steeles Avenue East bus was stopped at Middlefield Road, near McCowan Road.

Police said the woman was killed while waiting to exit the bus. The right side of the van — which mounted the sidewalk behind a residential fence — was sheared off, spilling boxes onto the bus's crushed front end.

Toronto police reconstruction experts were trying to determine if the collision was the result of mechanical failure.

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Rare occurrences

Fatalities are rare among TTC passengers.

- Two years ago, a 43-year-old woman was killed when the 54 Lawrence East bus she was riding was rear-ended by a crane rental truck. The bus driver was later charged with possession of cannabis. A suit by the woman's family is still before the courts.
- Before that, three people were killed when a southbound subway train smashed into another train between Dupont and St. Clair West stations in August 1995.

Star chef dishes to students

Celebrity chef Susur Lee showed Toronto high school students the belly of his restaurant empire Tuesday as part of his campaign to help revive the city's struggling school cafeterias. Amid the lacquered tables and velvet banquettes of Lee's self-titled flagship restaurants, culinary student ambassadors from Etobicoke's Thistletown Collegiate Institute got the rare opportunity to learn about food — and life — from Canada's Iron Chef. The chef is part of a TDSB campaign to find a way to make school cafeterias attractive to teenagers, while complying with the tough healthy-food guidelines imposed in 2008 by Queen's Park.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wilket Creek. 'Coyote crawl' aims to educate about misunderstood animal

The coyote could use a little public-relations help, and the Toronto Botanical Garden is happy to oblige.

2013 has been an annus horribilis for Canis latrans in Toronto. A Cabbagetown coyote was shot by police on television, a Beach coyote was scaring people by wandering around front yards and a Neville Park coyote killed a beloved fluffy white dog.

Not exactly community outreach.

An urban coyote.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Far from ideal branding. While animals don't care about perception, humans do, and as darkness falls Wednesday, the Toronto Botanical Garden is leading a group of 50 adults and children into the nearby Wilket Creek path for a nighttime "coyote crawl."

Although coyotes have been spotted in the ravine, coyote sightings are not expected with a group that size. Understanding the misunderstood animal is the goal.

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Social services. Booming Peel in urgent need of more provincial cash

Massive growth in Peel over the past 30 years has created funding shortfalls for some of the region's most vulnerable residents.

Much of the money that keeps social-service agencies, municipal human services and education humming comes from Queen's Park, but the province hasn't kept pace as the population of Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon boomed, say leaders in those sectors.

"Peel Region is still getting shortchanged over $350 million per year in per-capita social-services funding compared to provincial averages," says Darryl Wolk, strategist for the Fair Share for Peel Task Force.

In 1982, Peel had 500,000 residents. Today, it has 1.35 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Perception of risk can impact how crisis unfolds: Police-board chair

Cop culture. Many factors at play when an officer feels threatened enough to respond with lethal violence

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The chair of the Toronto Police Services Board wants to know how police culture might influence an officer's decision to pull the trigger, and that includes questioning how much risk an officer perceives when crisis strikes.

"We want to be able to prevent deaths," Alok Mukherjee said after the Police Services Board meeting on Tuesday. "That means a cultural change in how we understand risk; how much of a focus on de-escalation and the use of alternatives to lethal force."

Mukherjee said the reviews sparked by the police shooting of Sammy Yatim and other fatal police shootings are a chance to probe questions about frontline officers' perception of the danger inherent in their jobs and how that makes them respond in a crisis situation.

"What's the threat perception? When do officers feel they are at risk? What's the role that perception of risk plays in the means they use to respond to a situation? I think those are very significant questions."

When a police shooting happens, people tend to ask why the officer couldn't have done something else to avoid shooting, instead of probing the reason they didn't, he said.

"If you change your mindset and approach to training and approach to response to a situation, it might change also," he said.

Launching a cultural change isn't easy and involves every level of policing: The government that makes the law, the police board that oversees the police and the police force itself.

"The three are interlinked — you can't change just one piece," Mukherjee said.

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack said no cultural change is necessary, because thousands of police interact with many people armed with knives without incident. "It's not a cultural problem," he said. "If it was a cultural bias, we would see a lot more situations like that Sammy Yatim situation."

Chief Bill Blair wouldn't comment on Mukherjee's statements and wouldn't speculate on the officers' perception of risk.

The police view

"It seems a simple way to say in an armchair-quarterback situation, 'Well, it's only a knife,' but part of the training is understanding how a weapon like that can become lethal very quickly."

Toronto Police Association president Mike McCormack

Labour action

OFL offers support for hotel strikers

The Ontario Federation of Labour will join striking workers at the Toronto Plaza Hotel for a rally on Thursday after nearly 11 weeks on the picket lines have failed to break a labour impasse. The workers accepted a wage freeze and cuts to their benefits in 2011, with the understanding that those would be reinstated in spring of 2013. But the hotel wanted to trim wages and reneged on returning benefits, a union representative said.

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A protester dangles a chocolate doughnut in the faces of officers guarding police headquarters on College Street at a protest on Tuesday over the killing of Sammy Yatim last month. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'I couldn't watch the news when this happened again'

Families of people who were shot and killed by police are calling on forces across Ontario to insist that their officers de-escalate crisis situations and stop the killing of people in mental-health crisis.

A press conference on Tuesday was co-sponsored by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations and the Ontario Federation of Labour. It took place just before a rally to protest the killing of 18-year-old Sammy Yatim on a streetcar last month.

The shooting of Yatim brought up painful memories for some family members at the rally.

"I couldn't watch the news when this happened again," said Jackie Christopher, whose son O'Brien Christopher-Reid suffered from paranoid delusions and was shot by police in 2004. "Another mother lost a child because the police system, the justice system has failed us again."

For some of the families, the Yatim shooting, caught on video and viewed hundreds of thousands of times online, has attracted public attention that their loss did not.

"Ours wasn't caught on video and because this one was caught on video it sparked that support because people could see what was going on," said Angie Assinewe, sister of Byron Debassige, a mentally ill 28-year-old who was shot and killed by Toronto police in February 2008, after stealing some lemons.

Karyn Greenwood-Graham's son Trevor Graham was shot by an officer in 2007 in Kitchener. Her son's death was recorded on police video, which she has been struggling to obtain from the SIU since she first saw it at a coroner's inquest.

Attending coroner's inquests for her own son and other police-shooting victims has led her to believe that the recommendations routinely made at these inquests about police interactions with people in crisis are also routinely ignored, she said.

"It's millions of dollars that taxpayers are paying for it, and we're paying for it with litres of blood," she said.

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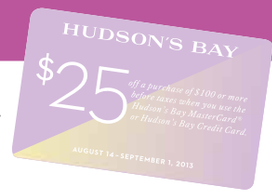

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Thanks, but ... Man offers Ford Ottawa mayor's job

SEAN MCKIBBON
Metro in Ottawa

It seems Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson can breathe a sigh of relief — Toronto Mayor Rob Ford doesn't want Watson's job.

Self-described "grumpy old man" Earle Rheaume sent Ford an email asking him to take over as mayor of Ottawa:

Mr. Ford,

The Toronto media have really gotten in your face over the years and that's unfortunate for you and the citizens of the GTA. While I can only speak for myself I recognize that many of my friends and acquaintances would welcome you as Ottawa's mayor. As a matter of fact we would gladly trade Jim Watson for you and throw in our 24 councillors to even things out. Keep up the good fight Rob.
Best regards,
Earle Rheaume

Rheaume says Ford wrote back:

Dear Earle,

Thank you for the note of support. Although I do love Ottawa, Toronto is my home and heart.

As promised during the mayoral election, I am dedicated to delivering excellence in citizen outreach, creating a transparent and accountable government, reducing the size and cost of government and building a transportation city. I remain committed to making Toronto a great city in which to live, work and play.

Thank you again for the greetings, please contact my office again at any time.
Yours truly,
Mayor Rob Ford
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Rheaume forwarded the emails to dozens of Canadian reporters and politicians. Metro has requested independent confirmation from Ford's office that the note is real. Metro has not been able to confirm the validity of the email. Mayor Watson could not be reached for comment as he is on vacation.

Jim Watson
CONTRIBUTED

"That was just done in jest," chuckled Rheaume, when contacted by Metro about his request that Ford take on the top job in the nation's capital. "But I like Ford. He's an honest guy and he fights for the little guy. Watson, he's fighting for his job."

A colourful character, indeed

City Coun. Gary Crawford works on his painting of Mayor Rob Ford in his basement studio in Scarborough on Monday. It has taken months and is a labour of love, he says. The portrait is meant for the mayor's mother.

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crowdfunding

Ford scandal inspires TV show

A new television show inspired by the crowdfunding effort to buy the alleged Rob Ford crack video is slated to debut on Fox's Buffalo affiliate in September.

Jordan Whelan, a former producer at Toronto's CFRB talk radio — where the mayor and his brother host a weekly show — said The Crowd Funder Show will launch on Fox's WUTV on Sept. 22. He hopes to expand the format from there.

Whelan described Ford as "the most unlikely of inspirations" for the show concept in a piece that appeared Tuesday in the Huffington Post's Blog section. "After watching Gawker's Indiegogo campaign successfully raise enough money to purchase what was thought to be a video of Rob Ford smoking crack cocaine, I was in awe," Whelan wrote.

Whelan, 26, notes more than 100,000 crowdfunding campaigns have been started up within the past year, through websites such as Kickstarter and FundRazr. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Remembering the Great Blackout, 10 years on

Luca Garagozzo was born during the 2003 blackout to Lesley Larose and Dino Garagozzo.

RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ten years ago, a boy named "Light" was born in an oasis of electricity, surrounded by the blackness of a powerless city.

It was during the Great Blackout of 2003, a well-remembered episode in Toronto's history that saw much of eastern North America plunge into darkness. The outage prompted emergency declarations, disrupted transit service for days and left millions with little to no electricity for up to 41 hours.

At 4:11 p.m. Wednesday, it will be exactly one decade since the power went out for more than 50 million people — the largest blackout in North American history.

Dino Garagozzo will never forget it. Just hours after currents dropped, the Ajax man watched his wife, Lesley Larose, undergo an emergency C-section at Scarborough General Hospital, which was half-lit by backup generators.

Let there be Light!

"We named him before the blackout. ... It's almost like he was the bringer of light, because he was born and then the lights came on."

Dino Garagozzo, chuckling over the irony of his son's name

The couple named their son Luca, which translates to "light" from Italian, said Dino.

Power problems began the previous afternoon — Aug. 14, 2003 — with overloaded transmission lines in Ohio. That sparked a cascade of trouble that shut down electrical grids across Ontario, New York, New Jersey and beyond.

The outage precipitated a widespread debate on energy conservation, with then-premier Ernie Eves calling on Ontarians to confront neighbours who were pumping air conditioning or leaving their lights on during eight days of restrictions that followed the blackout. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Senate sends Wallin audit to Mounties

Expects $82,000 back. Senator not allowed to write off travel costs for next 12 months

Sen. Pamela Wallin has already repaid $38,000 and has promised to pay any disallowed expenses back — with interest. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Partisan Conservative fundraisers, a short hop to catch a flight to the Caribbean and glitzy awards galas are just some of the expenses Sen. Pamela Wallin billed to taxpayers under the guise of Senate business.

The Saskatchewan senator now faces the prospect of an RCMP probe, as well as paying back more than $82,000 after an audit flagged a host of inappropriate travel claims dating back to her very first days in the upper chamber.

Wallin's ability to travel on the taxpayers' dime will be restricted for at least the next 12 months, Senate committee members said Tuesday.

"I believe I can speak for my colleagues on both sides when I say that we found aspects of the Deloitte report very troubling," said Liberal Sen. George Furey.

The former broadcaster has called the audit "flawed and unfair," and her attorney has complained to auditing firm Deloitte about leaks of confidential information.

"Virtually nothing has happened ... which has not in some form or another found its way into the media," wrote Terrence O'Sullivan.

Deloitte auditors flagged $121,348 in inappropriate expenses and called for further review of nearly $21,000 in additional claims. Wallin has already repaid $38,000.

The audit also found that changes had been made retroactively to entries in Wallin's electronic calendar once the audit process had begun.

Wallin says the changes were the result of advice she received in order to co-operate with the audit. Conservative Sen. David Tkachuk said he only told Wallin to omit irrelevant information.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caught red handed?

Doctor accused of stealing drugs out of smuggler's gut

Russian police have arrested a surgeon who they say stole some of the heroin he had been called on to extract from the stomach of a suspected drug mule.

Police in the Siberian region of Krasnoyarsk say that after investigators discovered some of the drugs were missing, they searched the surgeon and found a packet containing five grams of heroin hidden in his clothes.

The surgeon, who was not identified, was under the influence of narcotics when he was apprehended, according to the police statement issued Tuesday.

If convicted, the doctor faces up to 15 years in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary. Thieves dump out ashes of car-crash victim

Car prowlers on the hunt for loose change and other valuables have taken something from a grieving Calgary mother that money can't buy.

Colleen Ransom had kept her daughter Emma's ashes in her pickup truck since the 19-year-old student and three friends were killed in a 2009 car crash.

On Aug. 2, several vehicles were broken into on Colleen's street, and someone removed a green pouch with Emma's remains inside and emptied it onto the rain-soaked street.

Colleen was only able to salvage a few ashes and came forward Tuesday pleading with the public to help police nab the burglars responsible.

"Who would do that?" she asked. "It's a violation."

Also stolen was a green rain jacket that belonged to Emma.

Police are looking to speak with three girls between the ages of 14 and 17 spotted in the neighbourhood.

Colleen Ransom with a picture of her daughter and the pouch of her ashes. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Neighbour Garrett Smith said most of the neighbours he's spoken to said the thieves only took change out the vehicles and ignored higher-value electronics.

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Cyclist hits tape, nearly severs spine

'Took the force of it on my chin.' Bicycling to work went awry for father after he collided with electrical tape

Sterling Eyford nearly severed his spine and now has five titanium plates holding his jaw together, all because electrical tape was mysteriously strung across a road in Victoria, B.C.

Eyford, 34, was cycling to work Friday morning when he collided with the tape. He was thrown off his bike and landed on the road.

"I took the whole force of it on my chin," he said.

His jaw shattered in two places. He lost a tooth. He hyperextended his neck. He has minor neurological damage in his hands and arms, and will be eating through a straw for weeks.

"I pushed my spinal cord as far as it could go without being severed," he said. "I feel lucky. It could have been so much worse."

Eyford works as a casual producer for CBC, and says the "stupid prank" will cost him weeks of work and put undue stress on his family.

"I have two little girls at home," he said. "I can't even pick my kids up right now."

According to the Victoria Police Department, the black tape was strung on an angle between two traffic signs on Kings Road. It's not clear why the tape was there, or whether it was an intentional attempt to target cyclists or motorists.

Police are appealing to the public for help identifying possible suspects.

"I hope the whole weight of the law falls on these people," Eyford said. "But I also want them to realize they did something extremely stupid and extremely violent. They attacked me." **LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE**

24 hours to build a home? Get my contractor on the phone

Workers put the finishing details on the newly installed, three-storey "Homeshell" installation outside the Royal Academy of Arts, in central London, on Tuesday. To address the rising housing problem in the U.K., a group has designed the Homeshell. The installation is constructed using a flexible, quick and highly energy-efficient building system called Insulshell. Arriving as flat-pack panels, the Homeshell can be constructed on site in 24 hours.

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The Iron Dome. Israeli army shoots down rocket near Red Sea resort town

The Israeli military shot down a rocket launched toward a Red Sea resort town near the border with Egypt on Tuesday, the army said.

It was the first time Israel's Iron Dome missile defence system successfully intercepted a rocket attack on the resort of Eilat, the military said. The incident came after days of heightened tension along the Egypt-Israel border.

The army said the rocket was intercepted early Tuesday and that there were no injuries. It didn't provide more details and declined to comment on the origins of the projectile.

An al-Qaida-inspired militant group based in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, Ansar Jerusalem, claimed responsibility for launching the rocket in an email to The Associated Press. The little-known group is hostile to both Israel and Egypt and was behind an attack in August 2011 near Eilat that killed eight people. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Adam Ostrander, tech manager at Forest City Surplus in London, Ont., displays a pen that's actually a camera. The shades and watch he's wearing can also take your picture. He says spycams are easy to find online. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Don't smile, you're on hidden camera

Inspecting gadget. Spycams can be on glasses, pens, even loose threads

SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

A woman runs out of a clothing boutique change room when she notices a camera recording her from under the door.

A man is arrested after police say he used a hidden camera to secretly take pictures of kids using a public washroom.

They're both cases straight out of police files thanks to large advances in tiny pieces of technology that officers say are a growing concern.

Spycams can be as small as the head of a pin and they're available to anyone, including the London man who allegedly peeped on partially naked children.

A recent visit to Forest City Surplus turned up cameras in a pen, a watch and a pair of sunglasses. Most go for about $39 to $49 and come with a warranty.

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That's not tech manager Adam Ostrander's business, though he's heard a few explanations over the years.

"Usually, it's parents that want to keep an eye on babysitters, or they're just trying to take care of their property and they don't want big, honking cameras where people can see them," he said.

They're easy to use, too.

"A lot of the time, wireless ones will have an SD card, so all you have to do is pop the card out, and you can play it off of any computer," he said.

While his store sells some of the more common spy cams, Ostrander said advanced ones — which can look like a dead fly or even a loose thread on a man's tie — aren't hard to find.

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"There are likely more incidents than we know of because they're so hard to detect." Const. Jenna Van Aarsen

London police Const. Jenna Van Aarsen said officers can only act when a complaint is laid. Police aren't exactly overrun with complaints, largely, perhaps, because few people ever notice the cameras.

"For instance, there was a pen taped under a sink in a washroom at one point, so people need to be aware of their surroundings," she advised. "Take a quick look around. If you see a little hole or whatever, it's better to err on the side of caution. Contact the police to have it investigated."

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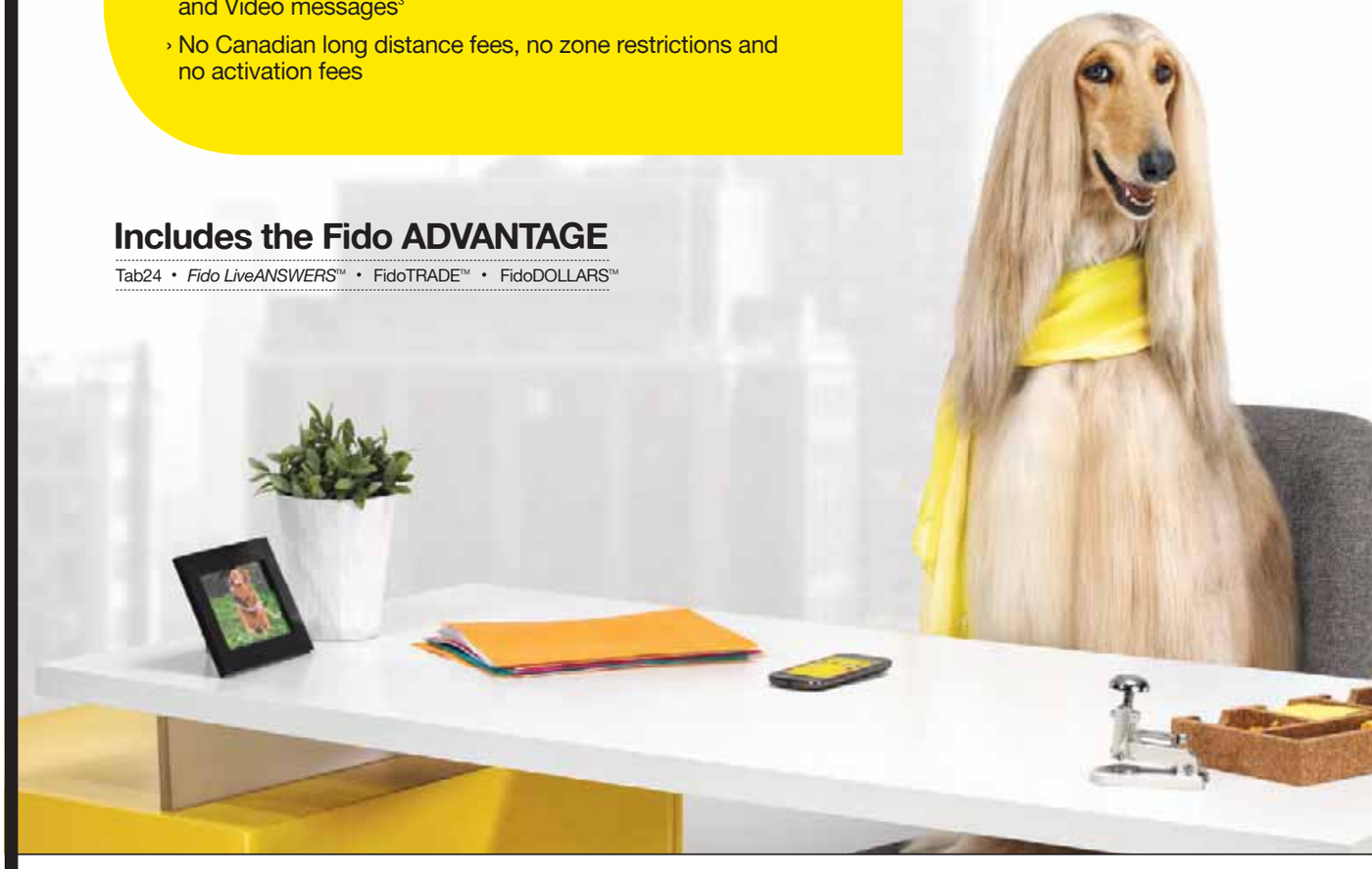

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Detroit election

Right message, wrong date

Billboards promoting Detroit's upcoming general election offered up some erroneous information about when to go to the polls.

The Detroit Free Press reports that many of the 14 billboards gave a September date for the election. The vote will actually take place Nov. 5.

City Clerk Janice Winfrey says the billboards were updated Saturday, and she calls the September date "a mistake" by the business that handles the billboards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the billboards seen Tuesday, promoting Detroit's upcoming general election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Environmental quality

High pollution at Lac-Mégantic: Study

Tests conducted by an environmental group suggest last month's Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster had a devastating impact on water quality and soil in the affected area.

High concentrations of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic, detected in surface water, have "confirmed the fears" of the Societe pour vaincre la pollution, the group says.

The analysis, obtained by The Canadian Press, suggests the rate of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons is 394,444 times the standard acceptable for surface waters mandated by the province.

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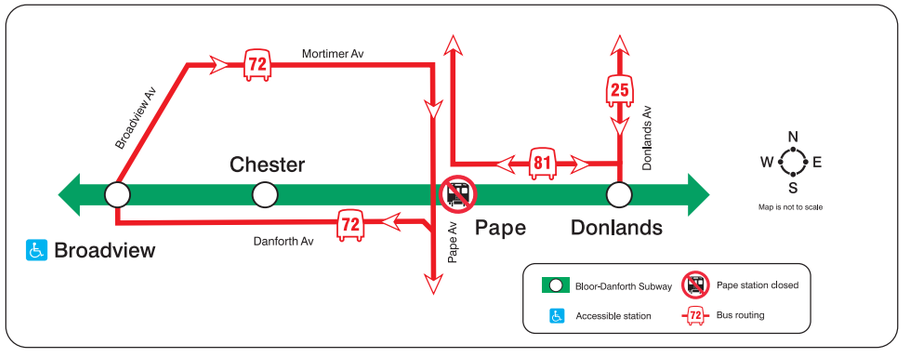

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Joshua Kyler Hoggan, then 16, is seen walking out of a Utah court with his mother. The teenager, arrested last year in a Columbine-inspired plot to blow up his high school, ran in a primary Tuesday in a bid to become mayor of Roy, Utah. ROBERT JOHNSON/STANDARD-EXAMINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Teenager convicted in bomb plot runs for office

Utah mayoralty. Joshua Kyler Hoggan had planned to attack his school: Authorities

A teenager running for mayor in a small U.S. city said he never intended to go through with a plot to blow up his school that landed him in juvenile detention for half a year.

Joshua Kyler Hoggan, 18, competed in Tuesday's primary against a councilman and the current mayor of Roy, a city of about 37,000 people in Utah. Two of the three were to advance to the general election, and most considered Hoggan a long shot.

Hoggan told The Associated Press in an email that he recognizes what he did was wrong. But he insists that he never had any explosives or intent to bomb the school.

Hoggan served six months in juvenile detention after pleading guilty in 2012 to possession of a weapon of mass destruction. He said he's rehabilitated and ready to lead the city.

"People should trust me because I have proven one thing: That I am human," Hoggan said in the email. "I have made mistakes, just like the rest of us."

Police said that Hoggan, then 16, and an older classmate spent months plotting an attack inspired by the 1999 mass shooting at Columbine, a high school in Colorado state.

Their plan included a detailed plot, school blueprints and a plan to fly away after the bombing, said investigators, who never found a bomb.

A classmate told authorities after receiving text messages from Hoggan, who bragged that he planned to steal a plane from a nearby airport. The boy had logged hundreds of hours on a flight simulator program to prepare.

The older classmate, Dallin Morgan, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and was given a 105-day jail sentence.

Hoggan just completed his first semester of university, where he is studying political science. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I'm not so sure how sincere he is. I think he's in it for the notoriety."

Roy Mayor Joe Ritchie on ballot rival Joshua Kyler Hoggan

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U.S. actor's custody fight sparks battle over sperm donors

Parental rights. Opponents argue bill negatively affects rights of same-sex couples or single mothers who use sperm donors

Actor Jason Patric GETTY IMAGES FILE

A child-custody case involving U.S. actor Jason Patric and his ex-girlfriend has grown into a heated battle in California about whether certain sperm donors should be granted parental rights.

Patric took his case to state lawmakers after a judge ruled that he had no parental rights to Gus, the three-year-old son he conceived with Danielle Schreiber using in vitro fertilization. The resulting bill was to come before a legislative committee Tuesday.

The couple, who never married, offer different versions of what role Patric was to play in the child's life. Patric said he signed an "intended parent" document and spent significant time with the boy until Schreiber cut off access. Her attorneys say his involvement was based on dating Schreiber and not as the boy's intended father.

A judge determined Patric met the definition of a sperm donor and thus had no legal rights as the boy's father.

The author of that law, state Sen. Jerry Hill, says he is now trying to clarify his previous statute so unmarried men who contribute to assisted reproductive methods are not unfairly stripped of parental rights.

"This bill does not give me my son back," Patric said in an interview. "This bill allows me to come into a court of law and say, 'This is my son.'"

The bill does not rule out anonymous sperm donors from seeking parental rights but says any man must demonstrate some kind of ongoing relationship with the child. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Art heist's burning question

Eugen Darie, left, and Radu Dogaru — two of six Romanians accused of stealing masterpieces from a museum in the Netherlands last year, including works by Picasso, Monet and Matisse — leave court Tuesday in Bucharest, Romania, after the first hearing in their trial. Dogaru's lawyer denied the paintings have been burned as initially claimed by the chief suspect's mother. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baby born in jail

Ontario disciplines prison employees

Ontario's Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has suspended or fired some staff at an Ottawa detention centre where an inmate gave birth in a jail cell last year.

Julie Bilotta gave birth in September 2012 and says jail staff didn't take her seriously when she said she was in labour.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fatal stadium fall

Man's death likely an accident: Cops

The death of Ronald Homer, a 30-year-old Georgia man who died after falling 18 metres from the upper deck of a sports stadium in Atlanta during a rain-delayed baseball game, appeared to be an accident, authorities said.

Four witnesses told police no one else was standing near him when he fell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In the daytime, tiny feet scamper through the halls of Montrose Child Care Centre as giggles ripple through hallways of the downtown daycare.

But at night, different tiny feet have scampered through the halls over the past few years, according to city inspection records: Rodents.

Montrose is among nearly 330 provincially licensed facilities in Toronto that have been cited for health violations in the past three years without the elderly and their families, parents of young children or the sick who eat in those places knowing.

Until a Ryerson School of Journalism/Torstar News Service investigation, food inspection records for nursing homes, hospitals, daycares and school cafeterias were never publicly reported. Parents and families had no easy access to the records, as the information was excluded from Toronto's 12-year-old DineSafe website that makes public the results of restaurant inspections. In June, shortly after the investigation, TPH changed course and began releasing a two-year history of inspection results online.

The city hasn't shut down any institutional kitchens in recent memory.

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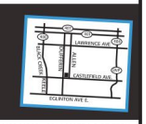

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Coca-Cola will run an ad in U.S. papers to try and reassure people its lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Coca-Cola ads to defend aspartame

Food safety. Campaign will attempt to reassure consumers that low-cal drinks aren't bad for you

Coca-Cola plans to run its first ad defending the safety of artificial sweeteners on Wednesday, a move that comes as the company looks to stem declining sales of diet pop.

The print ad is set to run in USA Today in the Atlanta area, followed by the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Thursday and the Chicago Tribune next week. It says that diet drinks can help people manage their weight and stresses the scientific evidence showing the safety of aspartame, more commonly known under the NutraSweet brand name.

The ad represents the next phase of a campaign Coca-Cola Co. launched in January to push back at critics who blame its sugary drinks for spiking obesity rates.

The first wave of ads outlined the company's commitment to fighting obesity and pointed to the many diet options it offers. Now Coca-Cola is trying to reassure people that those lower-calorie drinks aren't harmful. "Coke is trying to get out front and proactively defend these diet sweeteners," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest.

Sales of diet sodas are falling at a faster rate than regular sodas in the U.S., according to Beverage Digest. The declines come even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says aspartame may be safely used in foods as a sweetener.

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Losing its fizz

- The fading popularity of soft drinks in the U.S. has been a long-running trend, given worries that they make people fat.
- But more recently, people have been pulling back on diet soda as well, signalling that concerns about pop go beyond just weight gain.

Eurozone

EU recession believed over

The recession that's gripped the eurozone since late 2011 is likely over. On Wednesday, official figures are expected to show that economic growth among the 17 countries that use the euro inched up 0.2 per cent in the April-June quarter compared with the previous quarter.

The increase is slight. But it would end six straight quarters of a debilitating recession — the longest to afflict the single-currency bloc since its creation in 1999.

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Social media. Facebook claims 19M monthly Canadian users

More than 19 million Canadians are now logging onto Facebook at least once every month — that's more than half the population — while 14 million check their newsfeed every single day, according to a batch of new statistics being released by the social network on Wednesday.

Of Facebook's Canadian users, 13 million are accessing the site at least once a month on a mobile device, while 9.4 million use a phone or tablet to interact with the social network daily. Although desktop users still outnumber mobile users by a large margin, overall mobile usage has now exceeded traffic via computers.

Jordan Banks, managing director of Facebook Canada, said daily Facebook usage in Canada is higher than both the global and U.S. averages. Facebook is releasing the data largely to help make its case to marketers that more ad money should be spent on the social network.

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"Mobile is a rocket ship... if you look at interactions per day, people are way more engaged on mobile devices than desktop devices." Jordan Banks, managing director of Facebook Canada

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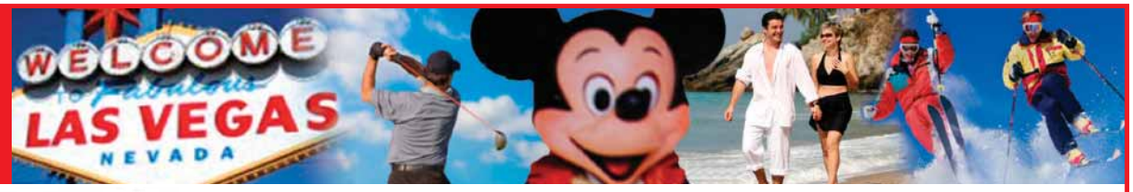

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Railway in Quebec tragedy has its Canadian licence suspended

Montreal. Federal regulator made call after reviewing MMA's liability insurance

The railway at the centre of the Lac-Mégantic, Que., train disaster will have its operating licence suspended in Canada, a severe blow to an already crippled company.

The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificates of fitness for the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd., and its Canadian subsidiary, Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Canada Co.

The arm's-length federal regulator says it made the decision after reviewing the railway's third-party liability insurance following the fiery July 6 derailment that killed 47 people and wiped out part of downtown Lac-Mégantic.

"We have concluded that (the coverage) is not adequate, thereby we have no choice but to suspend their certificate of fitness," said agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Bannister.

"We have given them until Aug. 20 to conclude their railway activities in Canada."

The agency said it had advised the railway that it must maintain at least the same amount of third-party liability coverage it had before the derailment.

But it said MMA's insurance broker indicated the aggregate coverage had been cut in half since the derailment.

The agency added that the railway failed to provide evidence it had additional insurance to make up the difference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An engineer checks the engine of a Montreal, Maine & Atlantic locomotive on July 11 outside the company's offices in the town of Farnham, Que. The Canadian Transportation Agency announced Tuesday that it's revoking the certificate of fitness for the embattled railway company. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Washington

U.S. Justice Dept. seeks to block airline merger

The U.S. federal government is trying to block the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways, saying it would cause "substantial harm" to consumers by leading to higher fares and fees. The U.S. Justice Department, joined by the attorney general of six states and the District of Columbia, filed a lawsuit to block the merger Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Waterloo

BB Q5 goes on sale amid chatter about firm's future

The latest smartphone from BlackBerry hit store shelves in Canada on Tuesday, a day after the tech company announced it was exploring "strategic alternatives" including its possible sale.

BlackBerry shares closed up 19 cents or about two per cent at $11.32 on the Toronto Stock Exchange after rising as high as 10 per cent earlier in the session.

Rumours began circulating last week that the company could be scooped up by an interested buyer or even go private following a report that said BlackBerry's board was considering it as an option.

BlackBerry Q5 BLACKBERRY

The BlackBerry Q5, which runs the company's new operating system, was originally targeted at Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America, but the firm recently decided to add Canada to the list. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Paul Sullivan
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How cool is this:

A transport system that gets people from San Francisco to Los Angeles in half an hour using currently available technology?

It's called Hyperloop, the latest crazy plan from Elon Musk, the visionary who has so far given the world PayPal, the Tesla electric car and SpaceX, the world's only private space program.

Hyperloop is a solar-powered, lightweight, pneumatic system that proposes to move people and cars from one destination to another at 1,000 kilometres an hour. The tubes would follow California's I-5 and, unlike the rapid rail system now in the planning process, farmers would still be able to plant their crops under the columns.

Any way you look at it — cost, speed, efficiency, access, land use — Musk's estimated $10-billion bright idea compares favourably to the now-planned $70-billion-to-$100-billion train that would poke along at about 320 kilometres an hour.

So why is everyone dumping all over it? Typical of the expert opinion on Hyperloop is Richard White, a professor of American history at Stanford and author of Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America.

"It doesn't seem plausible to me," he told The New York Times. "I'm suspicious about everything, especially cost."

I'm not sure what Richard White thought when Musk announced SpaceX in 2002, but I don't think there was anyone who really believed it would be the first privately held company to take cargo to the International Space Station a mere 10 years later.

Elon Musk has visionary cred. While the tenured professors of negativity mutter in their beards, Elon Musk is busy designing the future. Along with a few others such as the recently departed Steve Jobs, Google's Sergey Brin and tech-genius emeritus Bill Gates.

Not everything these guys dream up works. Landfills are littered with Newton PDAs and Vista software bundles and Google seems to shut down as many services as it launches, but look at what they've brought to the table. Modern wonders of the world:

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Sadly, for every Elon Musk, there are 100 Richard Whites. Eminent, expert and enervating. People who can tell you how it won't work. Prophets of failure.

We need more Elon Musks, people who look at grinding challenges such as gridlock and climate change and see opportunity. More than that: They see excitement. Their eyes sparkle.

It's like corny old Buzz Lightyear likes to say: To infinity and beyond!

Why would we want to go anywhere else?

ZOOM

Rustic rock villa meets urban upset

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One castle in the sky not wanted

A mysterious Chinese medicine practitioner has been ordered to dismantle a rocky mountain villa built on top of a 26-storey block of apartments in Beijing.

Neighbours say Prof. Zhang Biqing began to illegally build the huge rock dwelling six years ago and they live in fear that the weight will cause the building to collapse. **METRO**

Costly

$3.5M

At 27,349 yuan ($4,468 US) per square metre for property in the Chinese capital, and 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of rocky terrain, Zhang's luxury rooftop pad could be worth more than $3.5 million US.

The faux mountain home is covered by fake rockeries, real trees and bushes, and is located in one of the city's more upmarket areas.

Unlicensed add-ons and alterations to homes is a common practice among China's wealthiest.

15-day deadline for demolition

The suites beneath Zhang's already suffer from cracks and leaking roofs. One neighbour had complained to the local urban management office, but Zhang allegedly hired thugs to beat him up and he then moved away. Following media exposure, the local urban management office has now ordered Zhang to dismantle the property within 15 days or it will be torn down. **METRO**

Quoted

"Since I dare to live here, I am not worried about complaints. Famous people come to my place and sing. How can you stop them? I used to worry that the house might be too much but I never expected this much attention."
Zhang told Beijing Morning News

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Are you suffering from the affliction of having way too much available data on your phone plan? Nip that problem in the bud with these recent online multiplayer gems. Besides, it's more fun to play together.

Ultima Forever

What's being billed as the App Store's largest free to play RPG has been a blast in the days since it launched. There's no cross-platform play, sadly, but the developers are promising it. (iOS/Free)

Finest Hour

This turn-based, First World War-era tank warfare with a board game feel has been my favourite release for quite a while. Manage your fleet of armoured war machines, with special care to positioning that exploits the weaknesses of your opponents' tanks while defending against the vulnerabilities of your own. Easily worth the cost. (iOS/$0.99)

Disc Drivin'

OK, so there's nothing new about Disc Drivin', but I've recently rediscovered it buried among my app folders. A turn-based racing game where the vehicle of choice is a weighted disc you flick around a tricky track. (iOS/$1.99)

Letters

RE: Ontario to examine pesticides as possible cause of bee deaths, published July 9

It was good to see a couple of articles back in July on the problems honeybees are having. Keep up the good work. I think the public needs to be made aware of how the honeybee has become an essential part of modern agriculture. Without it, the large crops of fruits, vegetables, nuts and even cotton wouldn't be pollinated.

The U.S. lost so many honeybee colonies that every year the country imports honeybees from Australia in order to satisfy the demand from farmers.

Can you imagine having to hand pollinate the flowers on a pear tree in order to get a pear to grow? Can you imagine the cost of the fruit? Well it is already happening. There is a province in China that no longer has honeybees due to the use of pesticides and the pear trees have to be hand pollinated.

A few months ago the EU banned neonicotinoids for a couple of years. Hopefully this will help to slow or reverse the trend of the declining honeybee populations.

When a bug eats a leaf, it dies. When a honeybee takes pollen and nectar to its hive, it therefore feeds this poison to the brood as well as the adult bees.

Derrick To, Vancouver

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Hair Grow Technology's Bio-Fen® product line is continually moving forward! We are introducing our two latest versions; **Bio-Fen® Plus for Men** and **Bio-Fen® Plus for Women**. These products have been assigned Natural Product Numbers (NPN's) by Health Canada.

We recognize that both men and women experience androgenic alopecia (AGA, or male / female pattern baldness) and have made some improvements to the original formulation based on the latest science to address their specific needs. You will notice that we now have additional complementary (Health Canada Approved) health claims on each product.

How does Bio-Fen® PLUS work?

We are bringing you two new products with **double** the number of capsules and **triple** the number of health claims for men and **four times** the number of health claims for women.

As in the previous formulation, the fenugreek seed extract in both new formulas reduces excess blood lipid levels (hyperlipidemia). Fenugreek contains β-sitosterol, an active plant sterol, which has been shown to inhibit 5-alpha-reductase activity – the enzyme responsible for converting excess testosterone to *DHT* (which is the primary molecule that causes hair loss). The SDG (secoisolariciresinol diglucoside) from flax lignans in both formulas also decreases excess cholesterol - the building block of testosterone. Based on new research on the rate of metabolism of SDG in flax lignans (8-12 hours on average), the dosage in both products has been revised from once a day to twice a day for optimum results.

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Bio-Fen® Plus for Men:

As before, the saw palmetto extract inhibits the enzyme 5-alpha reductase, and this action slows down the conversion of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone (or DHT) – the overabundance of which causes the miniaturization of hair follicles. This activity of the saw palmetto also helps to relieve the urinary symptoms of mild to moderate BPH for men.

The saw palmetto that originally was an extract standardized to 45% free fatty acids, esters, and sterols while the new formula is a 4:1 extract to support the BPH claim. The product still contains these molecules for hair loss, but they are now at proprietary amounts based on our research so that the competition cannot duplicate our formula.

Bio-Fen® Plus for Men will also help to:

- ***Relieve the urologic symptoms associated with mild to moderate benign prostatic hyperplasia - BPH (e.g. weak urine flow, incomplete voiding, frequent daytime and night time urination).***
- ***Reduce elevated blood lipid levels / hyperlipidemia.***

Bio-Fen® Plus for Women

The women's formula is almost the same as the men's formula. The mechanisms and results for the women formula is the same. The only difference is it contains silicon and iron instead of saw palmetto. Silicon has been shown to contribute to hair shaft strength and thus healthy hair growth. It also contains iron which helps prevent iron deficiency. A number of studies have related sub-clinical iron deficiency in women to diffuse hair loss/alopecia.

The increased amount of SDG and other revisions to the regulations allow us to make some additional health claims for *Bio-Fen® Plus for Women*.

Bio-Fen® Plus for Women will also help to:

- ***Reduce elevated blood lipid levels/hyperlipidemia***
- ***Prevent iron deficiency.***
- ***Metabolize carbohydrates, fats and proteins.***

How long must I use Bio-Fen® Plus?

Bio-Fen® Plus for Men capsules are usually effective at stopping hair loss within the first two months. However, since healthy hair grows only about 1 cm each month, it may take up to three months before you notice that hair growth is increased or the rate of hair loss is decreased. Anyone experiencing new growth should see it within four months. In some people the original pigmentation may come back. Once you stop completely your hair growth pattern will slowly go back to the point where you started. However, some people may be able to go with a lower maintenance dose.

What is the quality of Bio-Fen® Plus for Men?

Bio-Fen® Plus for Men is manufactured in Canada according to quality assurance specifications called Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). This ensures that the ingredients are tested for their level of quality, potency & purity, prior to production and the finished product prior to sale.

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You're not paranoid — movies on espionage are good business

I spy. Opening this weekend, Paranoia won't be the last in a long list of movies about double crossing businesses

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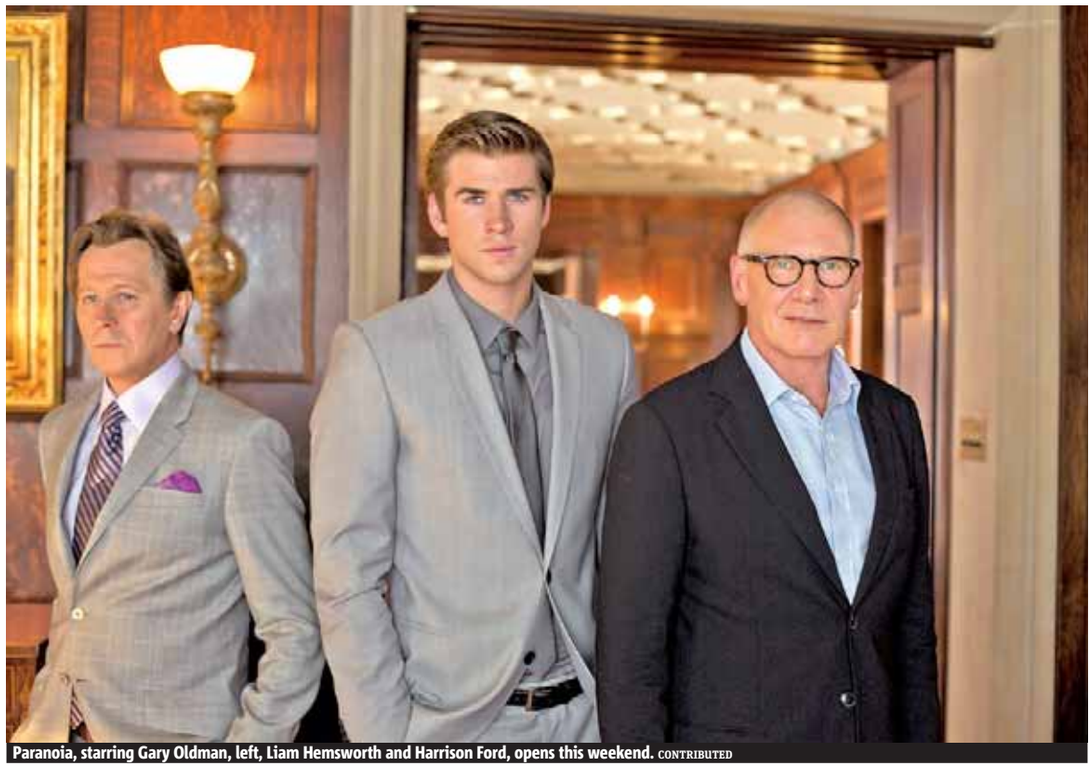

Paranoia, starring Gary Oldman, left, Liam Hemsworth and Harrison Ford, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

The word espionage is most commonly used in relation to spy stories. It conjures up images of James Bond, exotic locations and wild action scenes. But in many movies espionage has little to do with shaken not stirred martinis and Bond girls, and more to do with corporate secrets and intrigue.

This weekend, Paranoia explores the world of big business espionage as Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) finds himself doing dangerous double duty in the billion dollar world of high tech.

As an entry level employee, his boss Nicholas Wyatt (Gary Oldman) promises him a corner office, among other things, if he will spy on rival tech giant Jock Goddard (Harrison Ford).

That movie is set in the world of bits and bytes but corporate espionage comes in as many styles as that ergonomically designed chair in the CEO's office.

As the title would suggest, the movie Duplicity is ripe with lies and underhanded dealings. Julia Roberts and Clive Owen are former government spies now working in the private sector. Despite being intimately involved, they work for rival shampoo companies. It's a romantic comedy about undercover activities. Imagine if Rock Hudson and Doris Day had starred in Mission Impossible and you get the idea.

Genetics is the currency in New Rose Hotel, a 1999 Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe film based on a short story by William Gibson. They play corporate moles hired to influence a Japanese bio-engineering expert to defect from one corporation to another. To seduce Dr. Hiroshi (Yoshitaka Amano) they hire a prostitute (Asia Argento) to win his affections. The plan doesn't work, and neither does the movie, really, but it's worth a look for the flamboyant performances from Walken and Dafoe.

Finally, back in the world of high tech espionage, the Ben Affleck thriller Paycheck is a good little movie released at the wrong time. Wedged between Gigli and Jersey Girl, it came out at the height of Bennifer and the nadir of audience interest in Affleck as an actor.

Based on a Philip K Dick short story, Affleck plays Jennings, a genius programmer hired by corporations to reverse engineer new products, recreating them anew. His work is so secretive that after he's done, his memory is wiped clean. The chicanery really begins when his employer (Aaron Eckhart) pulls a double cross, leaving Jennings with no money, no memory and a world of trouble.

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Why there won't be an Elysium sequel and why it's a good thing

'One kick-ass movie'. Despite taking the top spot at the box office, Matt Damon and Neill Blomkamp talk about why there isn't going to be a second run

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Neill Blomkamp and Matt Damon are perfectly alright with there not being an Elysium sequel. CONTRIBUTED

Neill Blomkamp's science fiction action dystopia Elysium topped the box office its opening weekend, pulling in an estimated international gross of $41.3 million.

Not too shabby, but success doesn't mean there will be a sequel — at least if Blomkamp has anything to say about it. The writer-director, who dodged pressure to make a sequel to District 9 and instead has followed it up with Elysium and his next film, the original Chappie, is something of a sequel-phobe.

"One of my favourite parts of filmmaking is just conceptualizing ideas," he says. "Executing them is very different to conceptualizing them. I tend to come up with a lot of ideas and I get attached to a lot of them. It creates a different mindset where it's like, 'I want to see this get executed and I want to see that get executed' as opposed to, 'I want to return back to this world from this film.' I have a few other ideas for films I want to make currently."

Of course, the film's studio and distributor, Sony, would likely love the idea of building on the success of Elysium, but Blomkamp says he felt very little pressure on the subject from the higher-ups.

"It came up once or twice with Elysium, where it's like, 'Could we make a sequel out of it?' It was extremely minor, though," he says.

"It was as fleeting as the discussion of, 'Could the film be 3D?' It was the same thing, very minor."

For movie-goers who have already seen Elysium, the idea that there won't be a sequel is hardly a surprise. And that was a key aspect of the project that made it so appealing to star Matt Damon.

"I love what it says to the industry. There's not going to be a sequel to this movie. Just deal with it. I love that message," Damon says. "As a movie-goer it's hard not to be cynical when you see every movie trying to set up a sequel. Hopefully it will be refreshing and people will go, 'Oh, that's cool. These guys just tried to make one kick-ass movie and get out of there.'"

No 2 for 1 deals

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Matt Damon
On why there won't be a sequel

Cranston the next Lex Luthor?

Breaking Bad again. Actor's bald look from his career-defining TV role makes him a top pick for the villain in Superman flick

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Bryan Cranston has already given some thought to playing Lex Luthor. CONTRIBUTED

Casting rumours for the Man of Steel sequel have ramped up online, with speculation swirling about who will play Batman and main Superman villain Lex Luthor.

Given his career-defining run as the good man gone bad — with a shaved head, to boot — on Breaking Bad, it's no surprise that Bryan Cranston is the main name popping up. So how does Cranston himself feel about the idea?

"Give me a call," he says with a grin. And to hear Cranston tell it, he's already given some thought as to getting into Luthor's psyche. "I like Lex Luthor. I think he's misunderstood. He's a loveable, sweet man," Cranston says.

Should he sign up for yet another iconic hairless villain — the film is set for release in the summer of 2015 and would likely shoot next year — his wife might not be so thrilled. "She wasn't so keen on the bald head," Cranston admits.

"The bald head ages a man. It's just that she didn't know me that way, and the last six years it's all of a sudden like sleeping with a stranger — who was less exciting than her own husband. So I don't blame her for being upset."

Interview. Amanda Seyfried found nude scenes simply 'silly'

Amanda Seyfried has a wholesome image, but she's far from alien to edgier fare. Apart from the five seasons she spent on Big Love, the star of musicals like Mamma Mia! and Les Miserables has been in the transgressive pictures Alpha Dog, Jennifer's Body and Chloe. In Lovelace, she portrays Linda Boreman (better known for her stage surname, Lovelace). The first porn star to become a household name, Boreman was forced into doing Deep Throat in the 1970s by her abusive husband (played by Peter Sarsgaard).

Amanda Seyfried plays Linda Boreman in Lovelace. CONTRIBUTED

How did your perception of Linda Boreman change after you made this film?
She was a woman caught in the wrong circumstances. She made a few wrong choices, and she got lost. And she tried to find herself. She didn't give up. She fell and got back up. She's way stronger than people ever gave her credit for. But she had a s— life. Her only saving grace was having those two amazing children. She's been defined by this one experience.

Were you hesitant to take the role?
I wasn't that hesitant. Maybe at first. Because you're always thinking, is this movie better than some other movie I could do at the same time? After I met (directors) Rob (Epstein) and Jeff (Friedman), I thought these people could tell her story in a beautiful way.

Boreman's not a very autonomous character.
It's not the way I would react to things. But at the same time I understood where she was coming from. She was pretty shy. She was really naive. She was poorly educated. She made the mistake of escaping from her repressive, strict Catholic home into the arms of someone who was not going to save her, who was going to take her down even further.

Is it difficult to convey feelings without dialogue explaining them?
I think it's sometimes easier when you don't have lines, because you can convey a lot in the way you react to things. It was easier with Peter, in reacting to his character. She would just go along with it. She was starry eyed.

Were the sex scenes difficult to do, or did you just giggle through them?
The sex scenes were easy. It's silly. They're just silly. They're all silly. The violent scenes were not so silly. They weren't so easy. But they're not terrifying, because you have a structure. Everything's choreographed.

MATT PRIGGE MWN

It's a tough Jobs but someone's gotta do it

Movies. Ashton Kutcher went all out in channelling the deceased Apple boss for his latest role.

Ashton Kutcher relished the challenge of playing Steve Jobs. CONTRIBUTED

Ashton Kutcher knows you were skeptical of his ability to portray Steve Jobs. But that only further propelled him to effectively honour the late Apple great.

"It sucks to be judged before you even have a chance to prove yourself, but that's the world that we live in," the 35-year-old actor says.

"For those people, their day will come when people judge them and want to hold their feet to the fire for mistakes or something they haven't done yet. I like a good challenge — tell me I can't do something."

To play the tech wiz in Jobs, which chronicles Apple's beginnings and the business obstacles that came after it found success, Kutcher threw himself into the lifestyle that Jobs led, even landing in the emergency room after following the fruitarian diet Jobs was a proponent of.

"I read a book by this guy Arnold Ehret, which was a book that Steve read, called The Mucusless Diet Healing System," Kutcher recalls.

"I think the guy who wrote that book was pretty misinformed and my insides got messed up and my pancreas kind of went crazy. The levels were really off and it was really painful."

But not uprooting his life to become the Apple mogul was out of the question, Kutcher says, because "he's so well documented I couldn't afford not to resemble him."

Indeed, stepping into that black turtleneck was a character study for Kutcher, who says he had never met Jobs and only "had a mild appreciation for the products he created." But shedding light on Jobs the human, who had flaws just like the rest of us, was important to the actor.

"I just wanted to honour his legacy and do so honestly," he says. "I didn't want to glorify him. I didn't want to vilify him. I just wanted to tell the truth. There's a lot of conflicting stories, but we just try to tell the most honest interpretation of his story that we could."

Some might be surprised to see those less-than-admirable moments play out on screen, like when Jobs' temper gets the best of him. But Kutcher says there was a method to the genius' madness.

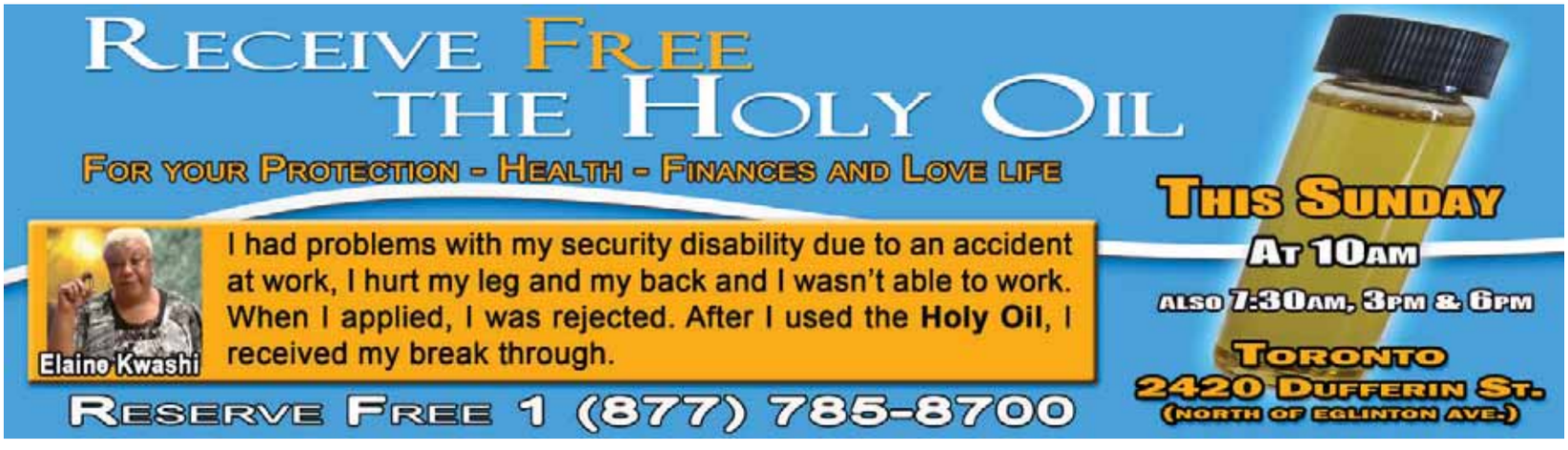
"I think the thing that people misunderstand about Steve is, you see these old-school football coaches screaming at their players, but their whole goal is to make the players better," he says.

"The players, when they win, they actually appreciate that. ... Sometimes he would run over the family in an effort to save the baby. He had a blunt honesty that most people are afraid to have. He actually cared enough about the end result that it was OK if you didn't like him if he got the result that he was seeking."

MEREDITH ENGEL MWN

Technology differences

- **Not phone dependent.** During our chat, Kutcher had his white iPhone out on the table — but the actor swears he can go without Jobs' arguably most indispensable invention.
- **Focus.** "I can live without it," he says. "I actually test that once a year. I do a week of technology cleansing. I put my iPhone away, don't turn (on) the TV, no music, no anything, and try to get all that stuff out of my life — eliminate the distractions and make sure that I'm still focused on the things I want to be focusing on."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Winfrey apologizes over Swiss bag dust-up

Oprah Winfrey really wishes everyone hadn't made such a big deal about her not being able to buy a handbag in Switzerland because the store clerk assumed she couldn't afford it.

"I think the incident in Switzerland was just an incident in Switzerland," Winfrey says, according to the BBC.

"I'm really sorry that it got blown up. I purposefully did not mention the name of the store. I'm sorry that I said it was Switzerland. It's not an indictment against the country, or even that store. It's just one person who didn't want to offer me the opportunity to see the bag."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Miley Cyrus knows she is white, m'kay?

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Miley Cyrus, who is white, teamed up with French Montana, who is Moroccan, for a remix of his hit song Ain't Worried 'Bout Nothin'.

A portion of the collaboration, which was shot on an iPhone video, was put out onto the Interwebs on Monday. In the grainy video, Cyrus raps about "having thick chicks" and "stuntin' during Fashion Week."

In response to the clip, comments poured in — many of which were not so nice and seemed quite racially motivated — to which Cyrus replied via Twitter, "i know what color my skin is. you can stop with the friendly reminders b—."

It's been very interesting to watch the singer, who brought twerking into the mainstream, shed her Disney background and play her career and artistic self the way she wants to play it — no genres, no boundaries, no rules. Good for you, Miley.

Jennifer Garner

Garner wants to be known as more than a wife

Jennifer Garner makes it a point to attend some Hollywood events without husband Ben Affleck specifically so she'll be known as more than just his wife, she tells Allure magazine.

"It's a very conscious decision. Sometimes it's a pain because my heels are so high and it would be nice to have his arm. And he's such a great date," she says.

"But it can be too much. I think, especially for women, they can really lose their identity and just become 'wife of.'"

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Life can be one heck of a ride, especially on these coasters

Amusement. Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty of time to get your heart racing with these rides

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Metro World News in New York City

Pete Trabucco has a pretty thrilling job if you ask us — he's an amusement park expert. Yes, that's an actual job. Jealous? The author of America's Top Roller Coasters and Amusement Parks gave us the 411 on the best roller coasters in the United States for you to see this summer.

Hottest new coaster

Gatekeeper Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio cedarpoint.com

Trabucco calls Cedar Point the "Mecca for all roller coaster enthusiasts." Gatekeeper is "one of the most anticipated rides that's coming out of that location," he says. "It's an absolutely amazing wing coaster in which you are actually suspended on the other side of this entire track," he says. "You are just flying with nothing but just air."

Cedar Point has 16 coasters, including Gatekeeper. It is also the only amusement park to have four coasters taller than 200 feet, including Top Thrill Dragster, the second tallest roller coaster in the world.

There is still plenty of coaster-weather left this year. ISTOCK IMAGES

Tallest thriller

Kingda Ka Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.. sixflags.com/greatadventure

Going from zero to 128 m.p.h. in about four seconds, this steel accelerator reaches 456 feet before it drops 418 feet at a 90-degree angle.

Best wooden coaster

El Toro Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.

This ride became the first wooden coaster to use a cable lift instead of a chain lift, allowing for a much faster and steeper ride. El Toro has one of the steepest wooden-coaster drops and was voted the 2013 No. 1 wooden coaster by Amusement Today.

Best Florida coaster

Dragon Challenge Harry Potter World, Universal Park, Orlando, Fla. universalorlando.com/harrypotter

"The Dragon Challenge is basically two coasters that actually come tip to tip," says Trabucco. "When you're on the ride you actually almost touch toes as you loop the loop simultaneously."

Best kiddie coasters

"Any park that you go to, you're going to find at least one or two kid rides that are really well worth going on," Trabucco says. "If you're an adult and you're like me, you're not going to fit, but you hold your breath." Trabucco recommends:

- **Sesame Place Langhorne, Pa.** sesameplace.com
- **Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.** disneyworld.disney.go.com
- **Runaway Mine Train Six Flags Great Adven- ture, Jackson, N.J.** sixflags.com/greatadventure

World's largest

Safari expansion nets Six Flags' new title

Move over Disney. Six Flags Great Adventure is now the world's largest park thanks to its newest expansion ride, Safari Off Road Adventure.

The Jackson, N.J., theme park reimagined its 38-year-old Wild Safari park during the off-season, outfitting the 350-acre, 1,200-animal preserve with 18 open-air safari vehicles customized from surplus army trucks.

"It's a worthwhile, interesting attraction," says Paul Ruben, industry expert and North American editor of Park World magazine.

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Visitors to Squamish can choose between rapids and the slower moving parts of the Elaho and Squamish Rivers. CONTRIBUTED

Stawamus Chief mountain is a popular place for rock climbing in Squamish. ISTOCK IMAGES

Squamish easily earns its title as "Canada's Outdoor Recreation Playground" with the many elements that provide a natural workout for this very active community.

The rowing machine is traded in for a sea kayaking tour with Coast River Kayak School. They provide the equipment, training, and the commentary for a paddle out toward Howe Sound, stopping to take in the breathtaking scenery that surrounds you — mountains, birds, kites from the nearby kite boarding school, rustic beaches, logging activity and the occasional seal popping up and down.

Hiking The Chief, Canada's largest granite monolith, offers a natural and scenic Stairmaster, featuring a steep hiking trail up over 600 metres of rocky terrain. Stone and wooden stairways take you up to ladders and chains before eventually opening up to the top to an unparalleled view of Squamish Valley.

The only better view you'll get is with the Sea to Sky Air team. Flying out of Squamish's tiny airport, tours up and down the valley are offered, and fliers can also have the opportunity to "take the wheel" with an expert flight instructor.

Spinning class can wait when you have the opportunity to rent bikes from the Sea to Sky Adventure Company (located inside the beautiful Squamish Adventure Centre), which includes everything from mountain bikes, which can take on the many trails, to the more sedate cruisers, perfect for a gentle cycle down riverside paths and through the downtown area. Cycle down to the Howe Sound Brewery, which offers 30 plus types of craft beers.

Their once a month beer-pairing dinners have become a huge hit. Don't worry about jumping on that bike again afterwards, as the brewpub is also a 20-room inn.

Jumping and bumping is something you do in an aqua fit class; replace that with the white water rafting rides offered by Canadian Outback Adventures.

The Elaho River tour takes brave participants down heaving Class IV rapids, bouncing and throwing up gallons of glacial water. The quieter parts of this river, and the Squamish River that it joins up with, allow for a break from the "Paddle hard" commands of the rugged raft guides. Guests of the Executive Suites Resort & Hotel can be picked up on site, and then return for drinks and gourmet food at The Living Room restaurant, or enjoy a meal in their kitchen-fit suite.

While the outdoors defines Squamish, the Britannia Mine Muse shows what happens underneath the scenic elements. This historic site allows visitors to go down the tunnels, learn about mining and enter into the massive mill building, where the ghosts of miners are felt. Kids love the oversized dump truck and play area, while adults are drawn in by this important piece of copper history.

Every workout needs fuel, and the perfect spot is the award winning Fergie's Café, located at the charming Sunwolf lodge, which includes 10 cabins and one larger building available for renting.

In 2014, the views from the top of Squamish become available to everyone with the Sea to Sky Gondola.

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Take precautions

Tragedy on vacation: how to deal

ON THE MOVE
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When tragedy strikes during a vacation, it can be especially jarring. Not only are you dealing with a horrible situation, but you are in unfamiliar surroundings with no loved ones around to comfort or assist.

It is important to understand that the help you will receive from the Canadian government's consular services may be limited. If someone dies while travelling abroad, they will not pay for the burial, cremation or repatriation costs of a deceased Canadian, although they can provide advice and contact relatives. The related expenses are your responsibility. However, the Department of Justice Canada may sometimes provide financial assistance to Canadians who are victims of violent crimes abroad through its Victims Fund.

The Canadian consular services can often provide help and advice. ISTOCK

You are also responsible to register the death according to local regulations and get a local death certificate. However a call to a qualified funeral home in both Canada and the country where the death occurred will save you a lot of paperwork. Both must be involved in returning the remains home.

Most airlines have stopped offering bereavement fares but they are still available for some international routes. You will often get a better deal by booking the lowest and most restricted fare available. Urns may be considered carry-on baggage and caskets are considered cargo.

If you end up in custody because you have broken or are accused of breaking the laws of another country, you are subject to their judicial system. Consular services can provide you with a list of local lawyers, but won't intervene in private legal matters, provide legal advice, post bail or get you out of prison.

As far as getting financial assistance with some of these unexpected tragedies, always check your travel insurance and credit card policy to see what kind of coverage is included. Some policies may cover the preparation and repatriation of remains or they may simply cover cremation or local burial. Also, be clear on whether you have to pay upfront and be reimbursed with receipts or if you must contact your provider first to have them handle certain arrangements.

Finally, always leave copies of insurance documents, passports, credit cards and photo IDs at home with loved ones. It will make it easier for them to assist you.

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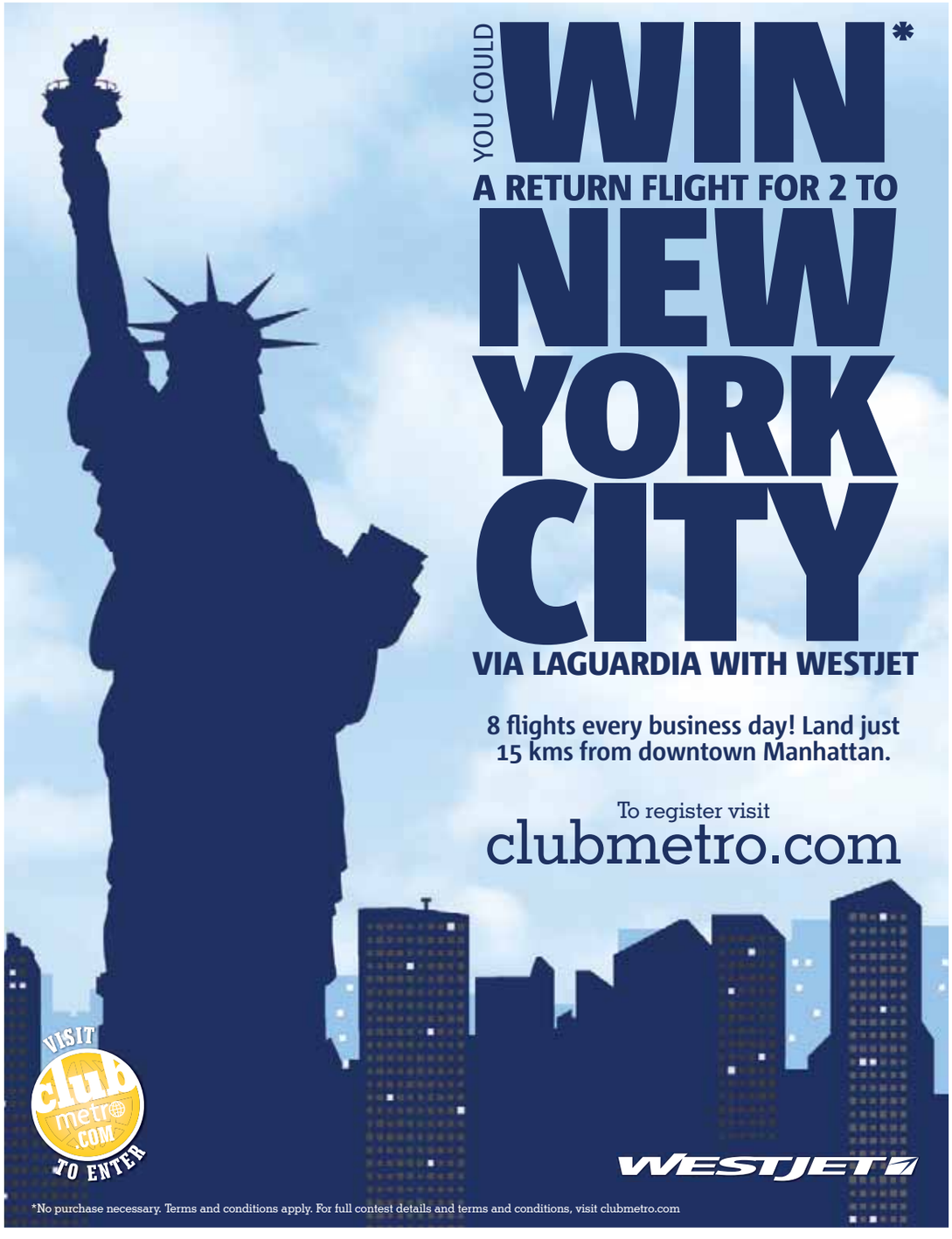
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Rent it. That mansion on the beach you've been lusting for may not be within your price range — but you can pretend

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News in New York City

Jet-setting around town and living out of a suitcase may seem glamorous, but it gets old fast.

There's something special about crossing the threshold of a house — the kind of house you don't usually live in — and making it "home" for a few days.

Robert Milne, president of WyndhamVacation Rentals North America — a company specializing in luxury house rentals — gave us some tips about making yourself at home while you're on vacation.

What kind of folks usually go for rental houses?
Typically, our demographic, as you can probably imagine, is a family. But usually it's more than just two adults.

It's the mom and dad and maybe the uncle or a friend, because renting gives people an opportunity to invite other friends or family that they might not otherwise.

What makes renting a house different from staying in a hotel?
I'm a perfect example of it, actually.

(My family) rents vacation houses when we travel, and it's funny how over the years different members of the family invited friends who we never would have thought of inviting if we were going to stay in a hotel.

It's like, even though we're good friends, I'm not going to invite you to stay in a hotel with me — but it's different when it is a house.

Plus, if you invite your friend along, the cost splits amongst a lot of people and makes it a good value.

Sites like VRBO, Airbnb and HomeAway make it easy to rent houses. What makes your company different?
One of the bigger differences between the professionally managed properties versus houses managed by owners is that a lot of the owners don't have the sophistication of software to make sure that double-bookings and other problems don't happen.

We came up with a "renter's bill of rights" that we could stand behind as a company. It is a service pledge that promises high standards of customer service, real-time booking, accurate property portrayals and diverse properties with clean, regularly inspected units.

Advice

- **DO.** Ask questions beforehand. "We had one guest who showed up at a vacation rental and brought all of their sheets and towels, and they were floored to learn that the house already had linens. I think a lot of it is doing your research and making sure that you find out what amenities there are, too."
- **DON'T.** Obsess about work."I always remind guests that there is so much to do and see that they should avoid bringing too much work with them. In my experience, staying at a rental means it becomes your home away from home — many of our guests feel the same way.

A crepe isn't a crepe without a plum

These crepes are delicious for breakfast, brunch or dessert. The plums are cooked with star anise until just soft and complemented by the cardamom in the whipped cream.

Ingredients

- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, plus extra for cooking crepes
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt

Plums

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 6 blue plums, pitted and quartered
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) semi-dry white wine (such as Riesling)
- 8 whole star anise pods
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon

Whipped Cream

- 250 ml (1 cup) whipping cream (35 per cent)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) liquid honey
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cardamom

1. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, 50 ml (1/4 cup) melted butter, flour and salt until no lumps remain. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before making crepes.

2. Plums: In a large heavy-bottomed skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Brown cut side of plums for about 2 minutes per side; sprinkle with sugar. Add wine, star anise pods and lemon zest to skillet and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook until plums are soft, about 4 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove plums to a heatproof bowl.

3. Bring syrup to boil; boil until reduced by half, 5 to 6 minutes. Add lemon juice to taste; pour over plums. Cover and let cool to room temperature.

4. Crepes: Heat a 20-cm (8-inch) non-stick skillet over medium heat. Brush pan with melted butter. Pour 75 ml (1/3 cup) batter into centre of pan, tilting pan to cover bottom thinly. Return to heat for about 1 minute or until bottom is lightly browned. Using a spatula, flip crepe over and brown other side. Remove to a plate. Repeat with remaining batter, buttering pan if needed. (Refrigerate crepes if not using immediately.)

5. Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whip cream on medium until thickened slightly. Slowly add honey and cardamom, whipping until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.

6. Remove star anise pods from plums. Place crepes on cutting board. Divide plum mixture among 8 crepes, spooning mixture onto one half. Fold crepes over. Carefully transfer to serving plates; garnish with whipped cream and a star anise pod. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF TAFIK SHEHATA FOR FOODLAND ONTARIO

Plum Crepes With Cardamom and Honey Whipped Cream

This recipe serves eight. COURTESY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drink of the Week

Breakfast of Champs

Kick off any hot summer day with this refreshing punch. It's simple and delicious, with lemon juice, simple syrup and soda water.

- 8.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
- 4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz simple syrup
- 16 oz soda water

Add all ingredients into a glass jug. Garnish with lemon slices and mint.
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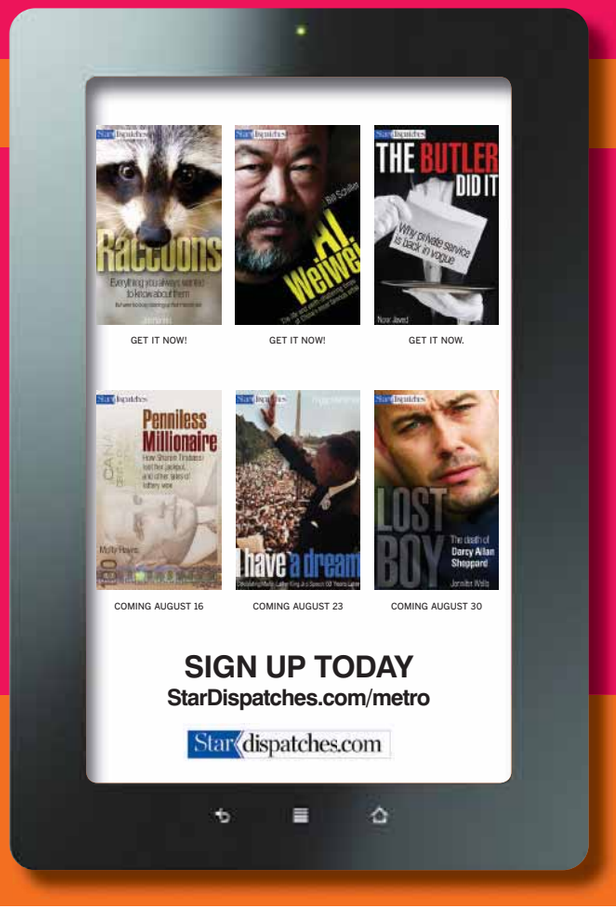

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The dos and don'ts of dealing with a d'oh!

Mending your first mistake. Turn that blunder into an opportunity to impress your business buds

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Mistakes happen, especially when first hatching your career. There's a lot to learn, a new workplace "style" to adhere to, and a ton of egg-citing but sometimes challenging scenarios. It doesn't help that being a new hire can be nerve-wracking as well.

The good news is that it's more than likely that your employer will be understanding of your first "whoops" if you handle it properly. This is easy if you're equipped with the right skills. We did some research on how to overcome your first mistake at work and asked around to get more ideas.

Take responsibility

You've acknowledged that a mistake has been made, developed a solution and brought the situation to your manager. Now it's time to apologize.

- Your apology doesn't have to be an overwrought speech, but it should be genuine.
- Apologizing shows your employer right off the bat that you are being professional about the situation and gives him or her the confidence to believe that you will make it right.

Acknowledge that you've made a mistake

You've accidentally replied to everyone in a sensitive email, sent the wrong message or double-booked your boss.

The first thing to do is acknowledge the mistake. Don't sweep it under the rug for someone else to find. Owning up prevents the mistake from snowballing into a serious problem.

This is also the perfect time to take any responsible steps to reverse the mistake, if possible.

Advise your manager

The best thing to do after realizing that you have made a mistake and taking the proper steps to come up with a solution is to advise your manager.

This may be a scary thing, but telling your manager about a mistake is a lot less scary than being asked about it.

While no one likes mistakes, you need to believe that your manager will understand and appreciate your honesty.

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Going up to bat in a casual chat

The on-the-spot interview. A recruitment can occur at any time. Be ready!

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Your job hunt is all about preparation. Careful research, polished cover letters and resumés and a clear plan for the future are all key to your success.

Don't overlook a crucial component of the job hunt that could be essential to snagging your dream job: the on-the-spot interview.

If you're networking or attending an info session, you may find yourself in a casual conversation that suddenly turns the heat up when a big name figure or recruiter starts asking you the tough questions.

Presenting yourself in just a few minutes might seem nerve-wracking, but these tips will help you ace an on-the-spot interview.

Get excited

First impressions matter a great deal. If you seem like you're dreading an interview-style conversation, that's going to affect your responses and how they're received.

When presented with the opportunity to take part in an on-the-spot interview, imagine it as getting one step closer to a job.

Yes, it's a challenge, but that doesn't mean you have to treat it like a hurdle.

You should be seeking out these opportunities, not fearing that one might find you.

Tip: "That sounds great, I'd appreciate that opportunity," makes a much stronger impression than, "Oh! OK…"

Dress the part

Believe it or not, one of the key steps to success in an on-the-spot interview takes place before you even get in the room.

If you're visiting an event on the spur of the moment and are tempted to show up in street wear, think again. Wearing appropriate attire helps communicate that you're taking the event seriously, and indicates to a prospective employer that you understand the importance of following a dress code.

Close your conversation with a handshake and a wrap-up statement that indicates you appreciated the opportunity to talk. Suggest following-up on your conversation and exchange contact information as appropriate. ISTOCK

A good rule of thumb is to dress as if you were attending a formal interview on-site at a company, or a little more formal than their daily dress code.

Err on the side of conservative dress, but try to include a unique detail that reflects your personality.

Tip: If it's impossible for you to get into your preferred networking outfit, be sure to at least wear something more dressy than you'd wear on an average day. No knapsacks!

Your thoughts?

TalentEgg: #Questionofthe-Day: How do you prepare for an interview? Share your tips to help out other interviewees!

- @aadamzaidi: #QuestionoftheDay To boost confidence, I tell myself that it would be their loss to not hire me and back it up with my skills.
- @HanleyShaun: #QuestionoftheDay Research the company, find out everything I can, good and bad, so I have questions and can interview them.

Brainstorm better answers

Before you attend a recruitment event or info session, challenge yourself with commonly-asked interview questions. For example:

- Why do you want to work at our company?
- What are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?
- What are you looking for in a career?

You may think you've got these questions covered, particularly if you think well on your feet. However, providing a memorable answer isn't just about saying relevant things. These questions are generic, and even great answers that are all about you will sound generic as well. Don't just talk about yourself.

Use your answers to show active engagement with the structure and workplace culture of your potential employer.

Tip: This is a good opportunity to identify and prioritize what you're looking for in an employer. The results may surprise you!

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Track and field

Theisen Eaton wins silver medal in heptathlon

The Eatons finished their working honeymoon in Russia on Tuesday, ever so close to making it a double-gold celebration at the world track and field championships.

Brianne Theisen Eaton of Humboldt, Sask., captured a silver medal in the heptathlon two days after her husband, Ashton Eaton of the United States, won gold in the decathlon.

Barely a month after marriage, they proved it was a near-perfect competitive match as she gained her first global medal.

Ukrainian Ganna Melnichenko won the gold with 6,586 points, compared to 6,530 for Theisen Eaton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis

Raonic, Pospisil continue hot streak

Fresh off their inspired performances at the Rogers Cup, Canadians Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil are into the second round of the Western & Southern Open.

Thornhill's Raonic, who dropped Sunday's final in Montreal to Rafael Nadal, defeated Jack Sock 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday night to advance.

Vernon, B.C.'s Pospisil, now also ranked a career-best at No. 40, advanced when France's Gilles Simon retired with an injury.

Simon was trailing 6-3, 1-1 when he ended the match. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Jays and Red Sox work overtime

Jose Reyes gets tagged out at home plate by Red Sox catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia at the Rogers Centre on Tuesday. The Blue Jays and the AL East-leading Red Sox went into extra innings in the opener of a three-game series. For the story, go to metronews.ca. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Time ticking for Leafs to sign Kadri

NHL. Buds must come to terms with young centre and Franson with little cap room left

With the Maple Leafs and Nazem Kadri on hold over his contract situation, the young centre launched his first charity golf tournament in London, Ont., over the weekend.

The two sides have met, discussed numbers and are considering options to get the 23-year-old signed in time for the opening of training camp Sept. 9.

Kadri is willing to consider options, and the Leafs must sign both Kadri and Cody Franson, while managing a salary cap that drops to $64 million this season.

"We have a number and they have a number, so we have to wait and see," said Kadri, whose golf tourney raised money for three Canadian institutions — the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada, the Muslim Resource Centre and the St. Joseph's Breast Care Centre.

New MLSE president Tim Leiweke didn't shed new light on talks for both players in an interview with The FAN on Tuesday, only saying that both players should have plenty of incentive to firm up their deals.

"We've added a lot of character to this team, and to this organization," Leiweke said. "And we've added guys that have won rings, and they know how to win Stanley Cups. So if I'm a player, I want to be in camp, and I want to be in this organization, because I think we have a chance to do some great things here in the next few years." THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a holding pattern

Nazem Kadri and Cody Franson are both restricted free agents, with Kadri coming off his entry-level contract, which carried a cap hit of $1.72 million in each of its three seasons. Toronto reportedly has just under $5 million in cap space and it's not likely that amount will cover new deals for both players.

Ray hitting the mark with strong-arm tactics

Ricky Ray has thrown for 438 yards and five touchdowns in his last two starts. PETER MCCABE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He's played just five games this year but already Ricky Ray appears to be in mid-season form.

The Toronto Argonauts veteran quarterback is third in CFL passing with 1,355 yards despite missing a game due to a knee injury. His 11 TD passes are second only to Saskatchewan's Darian Durant (15), and Ray and Durant are the only starters to not throw an interception.

But what really stands out is Ray's solid 76.4 per cent completion average, which is tops among CFL starters. The 33-year-old Californian has been hot lately, completing 34 of 38 passes (89.5 per cent) for 438 yards with five TDs in his last two starts.

"We're just executing pretty well," Ray said following Tuesday's practice. "Obviously the game plans our coaches give us have been pretty good but we're just playing good football all around and that's what happens."

That's certainly not good news for the Edmonton Eskimos (1-5), who visit Toronto (4-2) on Sunday. The West Division squad will be minus linebacker JC Sherritt, the CFL's top defensive player last year, who is out indefinitely after recently undergoing successful thumb surgery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Having their way

The Boatmen have won three straight and outscored their opponents 111-44 over that span.

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ΩLimited time lease offers available through Honda Financial Services Inc., on approved credit. Representative bi-weekly lease example: based on a 2013 Honda Civic DX Sedan (Model FB2E2DEX) on a 60 month term with 130 bi-weekly payments at 1.99% lease APR. The bi-weekly payment is $87.61 [includes $1,495 freight and PDI, EHF tires ($29), EHF filters ($1), A/C levy ($100 except Civic DX), OMVIC fee ($5) and optional accessories (all season floor mats with a retail value of $165.38)] with $0 down payment or equivalent trade-in, $0 security deposit and first bi-weekly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $11,389.11. 120,000 kilometre allowance; charge of $0.12/km for excess kilometres. *Bi-weekly lease available on all 2013 Honda models on 48 and 60-month terms only. †Limited time purchase finance offers available through Honda Financial Services Inc. (HFS), on approved credit. Representative bi-weekly finance examples: based on a 2013 Honda Civic DX Sedan (Model FB2E2DEX) on an 84 month term with 182 bi-weekly payments at 1.99% APR, $1,600 Finance incentive and $431 individual dealer contribution deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. Finance incentive applies only to Finance contracts through HFS. Finance incentive and individual dealer contribution can be combined with subvented rates of interest offered by Honda as part of a low rate interest program. Complete price of $16,970 [includes $1,495 freight and PDI, EHF tires ($29), EHF filters ($1), A/C levy ($100 except Civic DX), and OMVIC fee ($5). Excludes taxes, license, insurance, and registration]. Cost of borrowing is $1,077.28 for a total finance obligation of $16,016.28. $0 down payment required based on approved credit from Honda Financial Services Inc. µLimited time 0.99% APR lease offers on a new 2013 Honda Fit DX (Model GE8G2DEX) // 2013 Honda Civic DX Sedan (Model FB2E2DEX) // 2013 Honda CR-Z // 2013 Honda Accord LX Sedan 6MT (Model CR2E3DE) // 2013 Honda CR-V LX 2WD (Model RM3H3DES) for a maximum of 24 // 24 // 24 // 24 // 36 months available through Honda Financial Services Inc., on approved credit. Representative lease example: based on a 2013 Honda CR-V LX 2WD (Model RM3H3DES) on a 24 month term at 0.99% lease APR, the monthly payment is $481.93 [includes $1,640 freight and PDI, EHF tires ($29), EHF filters ($1), A/C levy ($100), and OMVIC fee ($5)] with $0 down payment or equivalent trade-in, $0 security deposit and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $11,566.32. 48,000-kilometre allowance; charge of $0.12/km for excess kilometres. ^Receive 0.99% purchase financing on any new 2013 Honda Fit DX (Model GE8G2DEX) // 2013 Honda Civic DX Sedan (Model FB2E2DEX) // 2013 Honda CR-Z // 2013 Honda Accord LX Sedan 6MT (Model CR2E3DE) // 2013 Honda CR-V LX 2WD (Model RM3H3DES) models for a maximum of 36 // 48 // 24 // 24 // 48 months available through Honda Financial Services Inc., on approved credit. Representative finance example: based on a 2013 Honda CR-V LX 2WD (Model RM3H3DES) on a 48 month term at 0.99% APR and complete price of $27,765 [includes $1,640 freight and PDI, EHF tires ($29), EHF filters ($1), A/C levy ($100) and OMVIC fee ($5). Excludes taxes, license, insurance, and registration], the monthly payment is $590.20. Cost of borrowing is $564.60 for a total finance obligation of $28,329.60. Down payment or equivalent trade-in on purchase financing offers may be required based on approved credit from Honda Financial Services Inc. ◆$1,000 // $1,500 // $2,000 // $1,500 // $3,500 // $2,000 // $2,500 // $4,000 // $5,000 // $3,000 customer cash incentive is valid on any new 2013 Honda Fit (except DX, model GE8G2DEX) // 2013 Honda Civic Coupe and Sedan (except DX Sedan, model FB2E2DEX) // 2013 Honda Accord Coupe // 2013 Honda Accord Sedan (except LX Sedan 6MT, model CR2E3DE) // 2013 Honda Crosstour EX 2WD and EX-L 2WD (models TF3H3DJ, TF3H5DJNX) // 2013 Honda Crosstour EX-L 4WD and EX-L 4WD NAVI (models TF2H5DJNX, TF2H5DKNX) // 2013 Honda CR-V (except LX 2WD, model RM3H3DES) // 2013 Honda Odyssey // 2013 Honda Pilot // 2013 Honda Ridgeline models when registered and delivered between August 1st and September 3rd, 2013. Cash incentive is available for all Honda retail customers except customers who lease or finance through Honda Financial Services Inc. at a subvented rate of interest offered by Honda as part of a low rate interest program. All advertised lease and finance rates are special rates. Cash incentive will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. For all offers: license, insurance, PPSA, other taxes (including HST) and excess wear and tear are extra. Taxes payable on full amount of purchase price. Offers only valid for Ontario residents at Ontario Honda Dealers. Dealer may sell/lease for less. Dealer order/trade may be necessary. Vehicles and accessories are for illustration purposes only. Offers, prices and features subject to change without notice. See your Ontario Honda Dealer or visit HondaOntario.com for full details. **Based on Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada (AIAMC) data reflecting sales between 1997 and December 2012.

2014 Ford Transit Wagon

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Review. A fresh take on the minivan ... from Europe? Yes indeed

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Nowhere in Ford's press or promotional literature will you see the 2014 Transit Connect Wagon referred to as a minivan.

But one walk around this big-roofed rig with its dual-sliding side doors and up to seven passenger seating capacity is enough to confirm that "minivan" is the most relevant designation, even if it's from Europe.

The TC Wagon, which arrives in late 2013, is the junior-sized civilian offshoot of a series of new windowless commercial-vans heading to North America from Ford's factory in Spain. Unlike the Mazda, the TC Wagon will be offered in five and seven passenger sizes, separated by about 41 centimetres in overall length and in distance between the front and rear wheels. The pair replaces the original five-passenger Transit Connect van that arrived for the 2010 model year.

The five-passenger TC Wagon's just-right size is more esthetically pleasing, but for larger families the elongated seven-seat version will likely get the nod. Both are finished off as well as any other members of Ford's compact fleet, including the Focus sedan and hatchback and Escape small utility vehicle.

With three distinct trim levels — XL, XLT and Titanium — the TC Wagon can be spiced up just about any way you want, from utilitarian basic to full-on premium class transporter with leather seat coverings, king-size panoramic glass roof, a navigation system with a 6.5-inch (16.5-centimetre) screen, fancy wheels, upgraded sound system and other niceties.

In either case, the split-folding second-row — and the dual fore-and-aft-sliding third-row seats found in extended models — can be flattened for maximum stowage. The TC Wagon will accommodate up to 545 kilograms of cargo and tow up to 910 kilograms. Think personal water craft or ATV here.

Along with its compact silhouette, the TC Wagon promises to maintain a solid grip on fuel consumption by way of its engines. The starting point is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder "EcoBoost" powerplant is optional.

Far from being just a cargo van with added windows and seats, the Transit Connect Wagon is nothing short of a fully turned-out utility hauler. Ford is keeping the starting prices to itself for now, but you'll likely be able to drive a short-wheelbase model off the lot for about $27,500, which would put the longer model at close to $30,000.

The TC Wagon represents a breakthrough of sorts in the minivan field, even if, categorically speaking, Ford would rather you refer to it as something other than a minivan.

2014 Ford Transit Wagon

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact van
- **Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168, est.); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173, est.)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $27,500

Technology

Also available is SYNC with MyFord Touch, which is the automaker's latest voice-controlled infotainment and communications system, plus your selection of either cargo-van-style side-hinged rear doors or a more traditional liftgate.

Fuel Economy

Seeing as Ford is boasting better than 6.0 l/100 km highway rating for the turbo, 9.0 l/100 km in the city and 6.1 on the highway is a reasonable guess with the base 2.5 being a touch thirstier.

Design

The retiring Transit Connect's tall body was always better suited for work-van duty, while the new Transit Connect Wagon's stylish sheet metal seems far more car-like in looks and in application. In fact, it's a long overdue departure from the classic minivan shape.

Wazz app? We have the download for you

Here are nine apps no true auto enthusiast should be without

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Trapster (free)

This map-based app provides live traffic updates and helps alert drivers to police presence, speed traps, law enforcement roadblocks, red light cameras and traffic snarls caused by accidents. With more than 5.4 million "traps" already mapped and 15 million users worldwide, Trapster is available in six different languages and has become the app of choice for those trying to get somewhere quickly, while avoiding speeding tickets and traffic jams.

RepairPal (free)

This app provides a quick and easy way to document your vehicle's repair history, and offers alerts when routine maintenance becomes due. But the best perk of RepairPal is a feature that allows users to cross reference repair costs. Need extensive engine repairs, or just a simple tune-up? This app uses your location to provide an honest estimate, which is a terrific tool to give you confidence when dealing with a repair shop.

Find My Car ($1.99)

Easy to use and a terrific tool for concerts, athletic events or anywhere with large crowds, Find My Car uses GPS to guide you to your parked vehicle. Tap the "Pin Car" button to mark your location and when it's time to return, hit the "Walk Me" button, follow the arrow, and the app will vibrate the mobile device when your vehicle should be within sight. It's great in any crowded setting, and especially after dark.

Gas Cubby ($1.99)

This is an essential app for anyone who monitors fuel, servicing, repairs and other vehicle costs. It also serves as a great aid for tracking travel expenses to document tax deductions. Through easy data entry while refueling, this app supplies information and graphs that provide details right down to daily averages for distance travelled and fuel costs. Gas Cubby also prompts when it's time for recommended maintenance.

Parkopedia ($1.99)

Best for bustling cities with limited parking, this app relies on a user-sourced database to list and guide drivers to any and all available parking spots in your area. Parkopedia will use your current location, or the destination address can be entered, to help pinpoint a convenient place to park. This app also provides rates and hours of operation for parking lots and garages, and features more than 25 million logged parking spots in 40 different countries.

GoPoint (free)

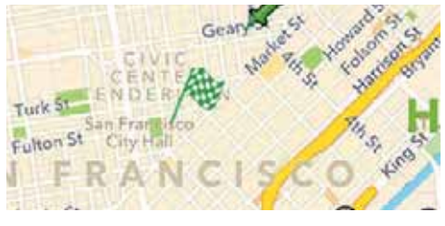
This helpful app interprets and removes the "check engine" dash warnings by plugging into the vehicle's on-board diagnostics computer port. GoPoint requires a special cable that costs about US $60. But compared to what a mechanic will charge for the same diagnostic service, this small investment is perfect for the DIY types and can pay for itself with one use if something minor - like a loose fuel cap — is recognized.

Navfree (free)

With so many navigation apps to choose from, NavFree makes this list because it conveniently stores maps, eliminating the need for a constant data connection to use, and — as the name indicates — it's free to install, making it the most cost-effective navigation app for those with limited data plans. This app offers all the advantages of standard sat-nav units — turn-by-turn directions, voice guidance, automatic re-routing — and adds a nifty pedestrian navigation function and Google maps to search locations directly.

MyTaxiControl (free)

This app — with data compiled from taxi services in almost 200 cities worldwide — combines taxi rates and GPS to update the fare rate during your trip. Simply push the "go" button, and MyTaxiControl operates along with the taximeter on the dashboard, allowing passengers to compare fares. The route taken by the driver is mapped, making it easy to detect if you are being "taken for a ride." The app will also generate and send a receipt for your trip as either an email or a text message.



WreckCheck (free)

This app provides drivers who suffer a collision a handy checklist to follow for gathering and documenting all the necessary information that insurance companies will need with a claim. It also helps to take some of the stress out of an unenviable situation by helping you to determine what information to share with whom. The app uses your mobile device's location service, audio recorder and camera to document the mishap. It is also equipped to create and send an accident report in PDF format and even generates Excel-style email reports.

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Loyalty decides: Sierra or Silverado?

Autoknow. The choice you make between these twins separated at birth probably has to do with one thing: what you bought last time

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From pretty much any angle, they look the same. They're virtually twins, after all.

And in an age where "badge engineering" is a dinosaur marketing principle that has even killed a few vehicle lines, you have to ask the obvious question: why bother with a Chevrolet Silverado as well as GMC Sierra when they're so similar.

After all, Ram has just one truck (there's no Chrysler pickup) and Ford's F-series — the reigning sales champ — is also all by itself, despite a little dabbling by Lincoln over the years.

The answer is woven into the DNA of every truck buyer: loyalty. Truck buyers seldom switch brands, even from Chevy to GMC. And suggest a Silverado to a GMC Sierra owner? Best of luck. Might as well try to pitch a Ford or a Ram.

Interestingly, the sales numbers favour the Silverado in the United States, but they do a flip here in Canada with the Sierra coming out on top. This is attributed to Canadians having full-on and exclusive GMC dealerships long before Americans, which helped build the brand north of the border.

Regardless, they're both alive and well in the two countries and there appears to be no plans to merge the two, despite similarities that go much deeper than their metal skins.

The most tangible upgrades over the previous models can be found under their hoods. There's a trio of new engines that begins with a 4.3-litre V6. The displacement might have you thinking it's the same old cast-iron V6 as always, but it's actually a new all-aluminum direct-fuel injection design with much more power (285 horses) and better fuel performance. Chevrolet could have saved a little confusion by calling it a 4.4 or some other number, but there you go.

Off-roading with this engine in a four-door crew-cab Silverado is a piece of cake and acceleration with the standard six-speed automatic transmission, while underwhelming, is certainly acceptable. The new entry-level 5.3-litre V8 also has direct fuel injection and makes 355 horsepower and 383 pound-feet of torque. Later in the year, you'll be able to get what amounts to the new Corvette sports-car's 6.2-litre V8 (rated at about 420 horsepower and 450 pound-feet of torque in the truck).

Lashing a 24-foot (7.4-metre) travel-trailer to a new GMC Sierra with the 5.3 revealed a few things on a 100-kilometre drive through the foothills of the Rockies, south of Calgary. The tow rating depends as much on the axle gearing as the engine. With a 5.3-equipped truck geared for fuel economy and not acceleration, the Sierra lost speed driving up steeper hills with the trailer in tow, so if you have a trailer, be conscious to get a steeper axle ratio (a 3.42:1 instead of the 3.08:1, for example).

Functionally, the Sierra/Silverado twins have some neat tricks. The box, which can be pretty hard on the knees and shins when getting in and out, has built-in bumper steps (called CornerStep) and grab handles. It's a small detail that really means something without adding more cost to the truck, since they're just notches in the existing hardware. Another is the new option of a six foot by six inch box (198 centimetres), which is 10 inches (25 centimetres) longer than the standard box.

What's truly remarkable, however, is how quiet and well-turned-out the twins really are. The so-called base Silverado "Work Truck" would pass for a mid-line model five years ago and was a great road companion for a five-hour highway stint. Honestly, this is all the truck most people would ever need or want.

Sierra or Silverado, which would you buy? Well, without very obvious differences between the Chevy and the GMC, other than the grille/headlights, it's likely that brand-loyal buyers will stay put and so will General Motors with its twins.

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Silverado High Country. At the other end of the extensive list of trim levels is a new Silverado High Country model intended to tap into the lucrative luxury-truck market of well-to-do ranchers and city slickers. The interior is bathed in beautiful "saddle brown" leather and the outside is treated to big shiny wheels and a special grille. There's also a full load of crash-mitigation electronics and a big stereo.

Sierra Denali. Relative to the High Country, the Sierra Denali still rates higher, but at the very least, Silverado fans have a new option above the LTZ, a truck that costs around $45,000. The standard engine for the High Country is the 5.3, with the 6.2 being optional.

The GMC Sierra (above), is pretty much the mirror image of the Silverado. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

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So curious about plutonium's potential

Autopilot. With the success of The Curiosity on Mars should we now look at nuclear power as a viable car fuel source?

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Earlier this month, NASA's latest robotic rover, Curiosity, celebrated its first anniversary of roaming around the planet Mars. So far it's been a great road trip.

No tickets. Lots of fun photo opportunities. Lots of great rocks to pulverize with its lasers. Only one temporary breakdown.

For sure, the technology on this thing is just out of this world. Consider the six wheels, each with an independent drive motor, the instruments that can analyze rock formations, before and after the lasers zap them into a state of plasma, and the powerful jack-hammer located at the end of its six-foot robotic arm.

But the technology that really gets me going is its power source, otherwise known as the Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator (MMRTG). Basically it's a nuclear thing, using non-weapon grade plutonium known as Plutonium 238.

The heat given off by plutonium's alpha rays can be used to keep things warm, and can be converted into lots and lots of electricity.

The other two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, run on solar energy, but NASA felt nuclear was the better option for Curiosity's rock-analyzing mission, which called for power-hungry tools, and lots of travelling in winter (dark and cold) and through dusty territory (dust on solar panels).

NASA also uses an MMRTG for fuelling the probe currently on its way to Pluto.

Look, I'm no nuclear scientist, couldn't even play one on regional cable TV programming, but I'm pretty sure Curiosity is the only "vehicle" ever successfully fuelled by plutonium. Sure there are lots of nuclear-powered submarines and air craft carriers out there, and there's always the time-travelling DeLorean in Back to the Future, but after that the pickings get smaller than atom particles.

I don't believe Curiosity's "Check Engine" light came on once. Should we reconsider atomic cars, now that Curiosity has been so successful and reliable?

Well, to keep the discussion going, here's a short list of the pros and cons of powering future vehicles with plutonium-based thermoelectric generators:

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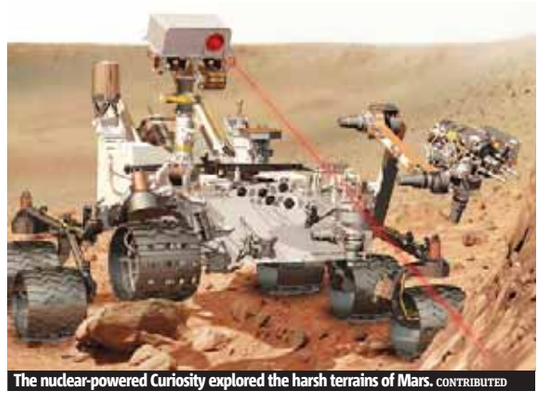
- Drivers and passengers need to wear heavy and uncomfortable anti-radiation armour.
- It's pricey and rare. NASA's looking for $30 million to re-start Plutonium 238 production, to top up dwindling supplies. NASA hopes to make three pounds per year.
- Could lead to more car thefts, as plutonium is fanatically and historically coveted by nefarious international villain types.
- Auto technicians at Canadian Tire will require additional training.



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Watching for cyclists? Your car may be too

Driving force. The clever radar system Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection is a godsend that will save lives

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In a collision between a car and a bicycle, the car is going to win every time. While several automakers have emergency braking or cruise control systems that can recognize other vehicles ahead, some can also identify cyclists, including the system from Volvo.

The system, called Pedestrian and Cyclist Detection with full auto brake, is able to identify the unique shape of someone on a bicycle ahead of the car. "It's a camera and radar-based system," says Martin Magnusson, senior engineer and function developer for Volvo Cars in Sweden. "It uses a camera to detect the bicycle and cyclist, and then it uses radar to confirm the detection. It will look for the characteristics of a human being, the head, arms and legs, and then it also detects that there is a bicycle." The system uses Volvo's Auto Brake, which will automatically apply the vehicle's brakes if it detects an imminent collision, and the driver ignores a warning and doesn't hit the brakes. At lower speeds, it can stop the car before it hits something.

Technological wonder

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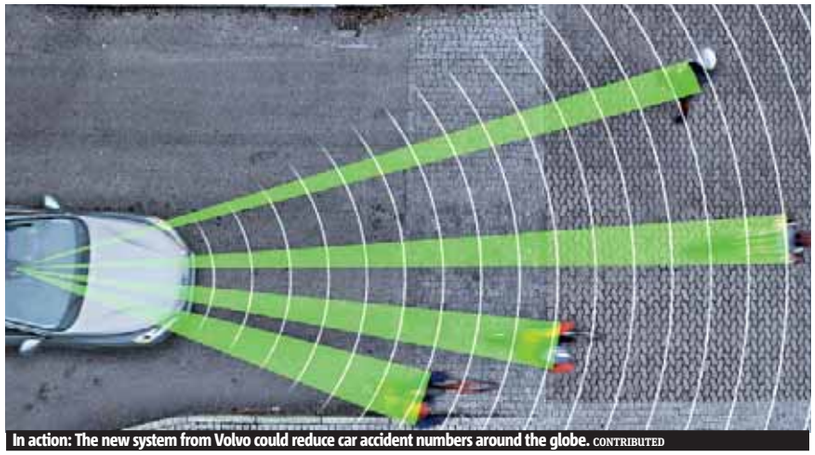
Martin Magnusson, senior engineer and function developer for Volvo Cars in Sweden

Details

- **Launch.** Volvo launched its vehicle detection system in 2006, and added pedestrian detection, a more complex system, in 2010.
- **Stats.** According to CAA, some 7,500 cyclists are seriously injured in crashes each year in Canada, most of them during the afternoon rush hour.
- **Deadly locations.** The majority of cyclist deaths occur at intersections with lights or other traffic controls.



In action: The new system from Volvo could reduce car accident numbers around the globe. CONTRIBUTED

At higher speeds, the car might not have enough time to stop completely, but the impact speed will be reduced. The chance of serious injury or death skyrockets as speed increases. It's estimated that a pedestrian hit by a car going 32 km/h has a five per cent chance of being killed, but if the car is going 64 km/h, the risk of fatality increases to 85 per cent.

"The system constantly monitors the traffic situation and does what we call select assessment," Magnusson says. "It's a threat evaluation, (to see if) it's a dangerous situation or not. When there is a high risk of a collision with a bicycle, the system will warn with a red flashing light in the windshield and a warning sound. If the driver doesn't react, the system will automatically brake the vehicle."

Developing the system wasn't easy, since it has to be able to detect cyclists no matter what they are wearing, and in rain or bright sunshine. The system can also pick out motorcycles. At the moment, it can only detect cyclists that are riding in front of the car in the same direction, but engineers are working on identifying cyclists that ride across the car's path. In future, the system may also be able to identify and stop for large animals. "We are constantly looking at new scenarios where people can be injured or killed, and we can work to add them," Magnusson says. According to CAA, some 7,500 cyclists are seriously injured in crashes each year in Canada, most of them during the afternoon rush hour.

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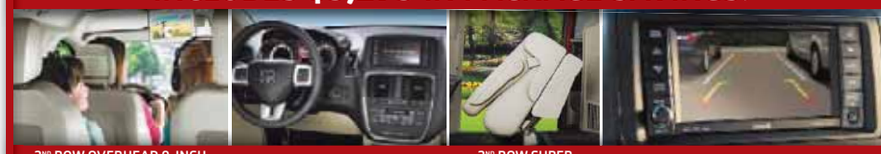

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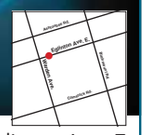

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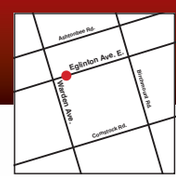

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Officer Garrett Dow can't help but laugh every time he puts on an old rerun of Adam-12, the classic cop show from the 1960s and '70s.

"Everything they did on the show, all their communication, was done on the radio. Or, they had to go use a pay phone to call in an arrest warrant, or to see if somebody was wanted," said Dow, a technology officer for the Portland Police Bureau in Oregon.

"In police work today, that information is all at the officer's fingertips and available to him on-demand. Technology is helping the officer do his job much more efficiently and effectively."

How it works

Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR). When installed, the police car's three outward facing cameras — one forward, one to the left lane, one to the right lane — scan every licence plate that passes through their field of "vision" and compares them to a database of "plates of interest."

From computer-aided dispatch to high-definition video to in-car warrant checks to laser license-plate readers, the police car has evolved into a self-contained crime-fighting lab, rather than just a mode of transportation. Law-enforcement agencies throughout North America have adopted new technologies that have become a trusty co-pilot, always ready to spot problems that would have often gone undetected in the days of pay phones and bulky radios.

"Information is key," Dow said. "You need to know who the person is in front of you because people don't always tell you the truth. These technologies help you know exactly who you are dealing with and they help you get to the truth faster."

Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) is the latest law-enforcement technology gaining the most momentum.

The modern patrol car is more than just transportation. It's a rolling information base that can even automatically scan plate numbers and match them to a database of "plates of interest." ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

If a match is detected on the "hot list," the system immediately and automatically alerts the officer. Stolen cars, Amber Alerts, active warrants, expired registrations and unpaid parking fines are just a few infractions ALPR detects, all within just a couple of seconds.

"To make technology like this that requires very little officer intervention is really where the technological advances are," Dow said. "As long as it is helping the officer do his job more efficiently, and not slowing him down, then technology is good. But if it is too cumbersome, and doesn't really work, then it is not so good."

And while ALPR technology is a terrific tool for law enforcement and other government agencies for spotting criminals, the random reading and storing of vehicle information from tens of thousands of innocent drivers also has the attention of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"These systems are configured to store the photograph, the license plate number, and the date, time, and location where all vehicles are seen — not just the vehicles that generate hits," the ACLU said in a written statement to CNN.

Privacy debate aside, technology and law-enforcement are becoming more intertwined every day.

Police officers spend much of their shift in the driver's seat, and are often sitting still while writing reports, operating a radar gun or monitoring a laptop computer. Ford Motor Company recently unveiled an in-car system called "Surveillance Mode" to assist these idle officers. This safety feature uses four rear-mounted sensors as an extra set of eyes to warn an officer of a sneak attack from behind, an important protection tool, especially at night when visibility is low.

No statistics are available on how many officers are killed each year in their cars. But in 2011, an officer on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg was shot and killed in his parked patrol car at close range while conducting a traffic stop. And earlier this year in Cambridge, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) officer was killed in his police cruiser in connection with the Boston Marathon bombings.

Surveillance Mode detects a person coming near the car from behind, and immediately triggers an alarm, locks the doors and puts up the windows for added safety.

More recently, police departments are investing in GPS launchers to help eliminate the need for high-speed pursuits. According to a story in USA Today, almost 400 people are killed in the United States each year during police chases — about one third of which are bystanders — and nearly 40 per cent of these pursuits end in crashes. This tracking system uses a compressed-air launcher mounted to the vehicle's grill to fire a GPS "tag" that adheres to the fleeing vehicle and emits location information, making it easy to track the vehicle without the need for speed.

Voice activation is also becoming more mainstream as officers can simply speak a command inside their vehicle such as "warrant check" or "license search" and the onboard computer system will take it from there, allowing the officer to hear the results without taking their eyes off the road. It helps catch the bad guys while also improving officer safety.

"Finally, technology is entering the same century that we are working in. Just 10 years ago, we felt like we were two or three decades behind," Dow said. "But despite how good the technology is, it still doesn't replace an officer's good police work. He still has to go out and do his job, but these advances are going to make it a lot easier."

Versatile system

• ALPR's other use. Law-enforcement agencies insist the centralized database used in ALPR serves as another important tool to solving crimes that too often go cold. For example: a shooting takes place in the 100 block of Main Street and the time of the incident is set at 2 a.m. If a patrol car happened to pass by the crime scene minutes before, detectives would have a list of cars parked in the area to help them pinpoint potential suspects.

So yesterday

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Garrett Dow, a technology officer for the Portland Police Bureau in Oregon.
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may have big plans and big expectations but keep a sense of perspective. If you let your enthusiasm race too far ahead, you may make a mistake that slows you right down again. Get the balance right.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You have what it takes to succeed but there is a touch of doubt in your mind that keeps you from giving your all. What happens today will remind you that doubt can be overcome.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are finding it hard to believe in yourself but it doesn't matter. What counts is that others believe in you, and they do. Take it easy today. You have nothing to prove.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone you meet socially will praise you to the skies and tell you what a fine human being you are but your intuition warns they are not to be trusted. It's a trick to lull you into a false sense of security.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
What you are worrying about is of no importance. Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart may make it seem as if the world is against you but it's not true.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone in a position of power will try to force you to do something you don't agree with today but they won't succeed. Stand your ground and refuse to do anything that does not meet your standards.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's good to be reminded of your limits and what happens over the next 24 hours will stop you in your tracks and balance out a mistake of some kind. Next time, don't go over the top so quickly.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Let your rivals and enemies have the last word today. The yapping they do has very little effect, so why waste your time reacting to it? Save your energy and put it to better use.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is nothing wrong with your plans but some people will find fault with them. Ignore the critics and carry on as you are. That will annoy them far more than if you get involved in a war of words.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you have to deal with today won't be in the best of moods but don't let their negativity rub off on you. When they see that their doom and gloom act is having no effect they will give up on it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
According to the planets what other people tell you is "the truth" and what is really the truth are two different things. Take everything you are told today, especially by "experts", with a large pinch of salt.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Try not to say anything that might be taken the wrong way by people who have the power to make life tough for you.
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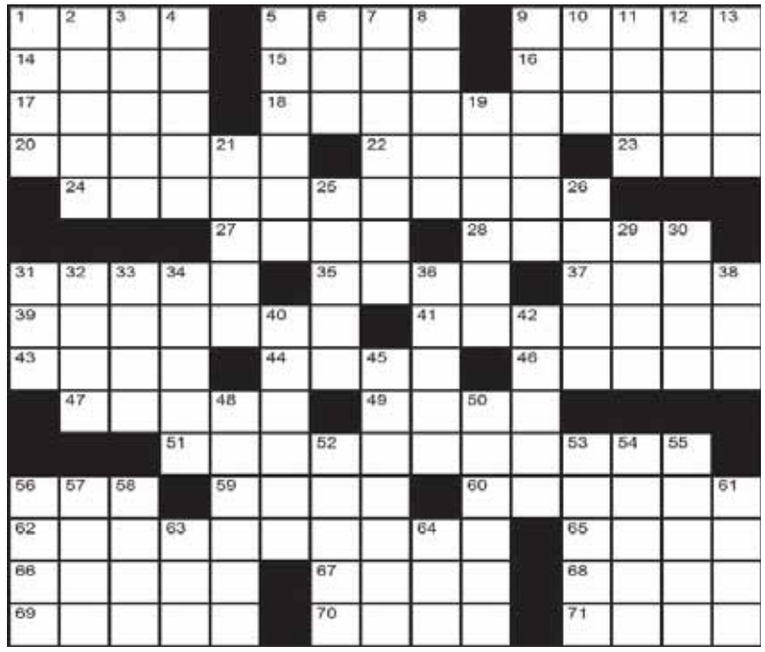

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9. Flavour
14. Cleave
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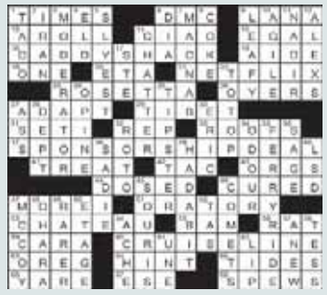
20. Boredom
22. Nautical ropes
23. Driver's li'l navigation aid
24. Like #48-Down's roof
27. Chew at
28. Lone Star State resident
31. Dishonour
35. Michael Jackson's second wife, Debbie __
37. Particular plant
39. Guernica artist
41. Skirt feature
43. Mr. Anthopoulos, Toronto Blue Jays GM
44. Village People hit
46. Furry mammal that can swim
47. Baseball base
49. Rock group's blasters
51. Chute __ (Very high waterfall in Quebec)
56. Sibling to sis'
59. Equipment
60. Refuge
62. Video game series: 2 wds.
65. Create
66. Helicopter part
67. Biblical birthright trader
68. Some athletes, e.g.
69. MuchMusic trophies, commonly
70. Quebec singer Mr. Simard
71. Feathered farm females

Down
1. Once, poetically
2. Venomous snake
3. Sidestep
4. Send payment
5. Sheriff, for one
6. Texting point-of-view
7. Movie sequel installment: 2 wds.
8. Songbook standard: "It's ___ Paper Moon"
9. Skirmish
10. The planet Melmac alien
11. Male deer
12. Stumble
13. Sense organs
19. Creditor, informally
21. Recommends strongly
25. Ricochet shot in billiards
26. Glorify
29. Dismounted
30. __ the wiser
31. Sauna site
32. To the __ (Fully)
33. Banda __ (City in Sumatra in Indonesia)
34. Men's magazine; or, saying
36. Classic toys company, __-_
38. Always, in verse
40. Locale on Cape Breton Island
42. Ten Commandments receiver
45. Alberta city southeast of Edmonton
48. Toronto Blue Jays home, __ Centre
50. Czech Republic capital
52. Giver's opposite
53. Mythical maiden
54. Ireland's County __
55. __ Gold (Type of potato)
56. Apartment listing abbr.
57. Leeway
58. According to a-ha, where the sun always shines: 2 wds.
61. Predicament
63. Tree in Hawaii
64. Grandma

Yesterday's Crossword



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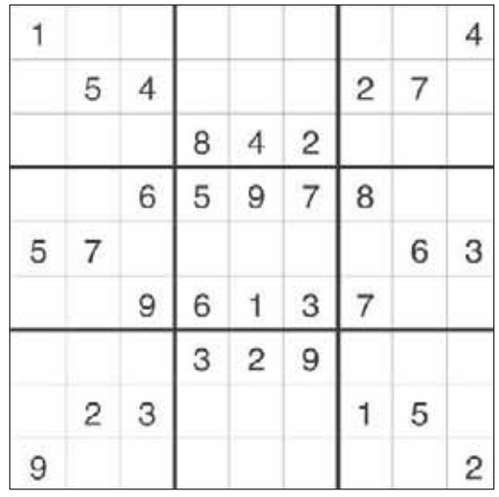

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	3	1	6	8	2	7	5
8	7	6	2	9	5	4	1	3
2	1	5	4	7	3	6	8	9
3	8	2	5	4	9	1	6	7
1	6	7	8	3	2	5	9	4
9	5	4	6	1	7	8	3	2
6	4	9	7	2	1	3	5	8
7	2	8	3	5	6	9	4	1
5	3	1	9	8	4	7	2	6

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